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It is our pleasure at this happy holiday season to extend greetings and good wishes to every member of our Brotherhood.

We take this means of saying "thank you" to officers and members in our local unions everywhere, for their help and cooperation throughout the past year.

May you and your families enjoy the Christmas season to the fullest and may the New Year bring good health, happiness and success

to you all.

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THE Christmas STORY

BIBLE STORY OF CHRISTMAS



NOW in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And when the angel had come to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women." When she had heard him she was troubled at his word, and kept pondering what manner of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord

God will give him the throne of David his father, and he shall be king over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How shall this happen, since I do not know man?"

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee; and therefore the Holy One to be born shall be called the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth thy kinswoman also has conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month; for nothing shall be impossible with God."

But Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

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Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and family of David—to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her



(Some of our members have asked that the Bible Account of the Birth of Christ be made a permanent feature of our annual Christmas issue. We repeat it here in our Christmas 1957 Journal.)

firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him." But when King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and so was all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou, Bethlehem, of the land of Juda, art by no means least among the princes of Juda; For from thee shall come forth a leader who shall rule my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the Magi secretly, and carefully ascertained from them the time when the star had appeared to them. And sending them to Bethlehem, he said, "Go and make careful inquiry concerning the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and worship him."

Now they, having heard the king, went their way. And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly. And entering the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they worshipped him. And opening their

treasures they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another way.

But when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, "Arise, and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell thee. For Herod will seek the child to destroy him." So he arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod; that what was spoken by the Lord through



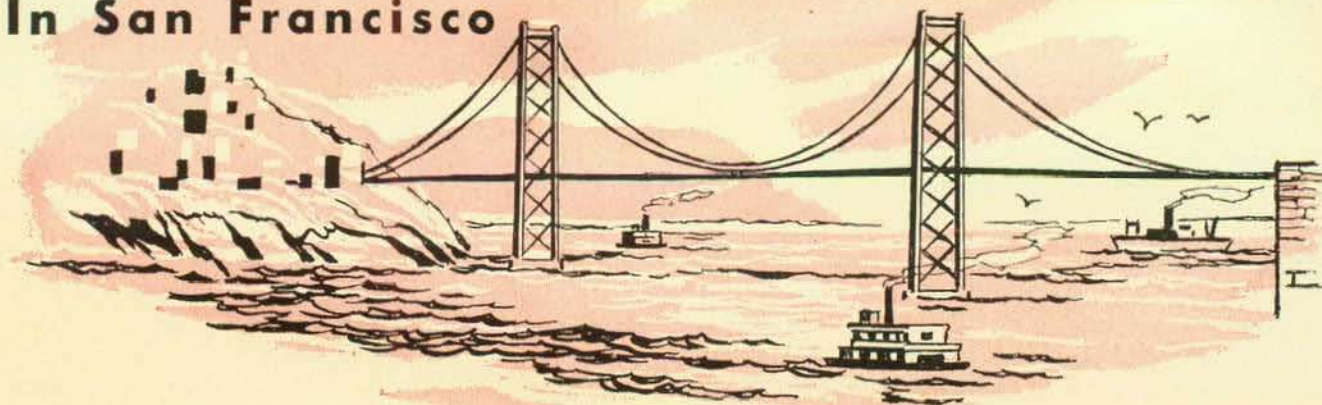
the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, seeing that he had been tricked by the Magi, was exceedingly angry; and he sent and slew all the boys in Bethlehem and all its neighborhood who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the Magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, "A voice was heard in Rama, weeping and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted, because they are no more."

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." So he arose and took the child and his mother, and went into the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee. And he went and settled in a town called Nazareth; that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

PROGRESS MEETINGS CLOSE

In San Francisco



Director of Research and Education James E. Noe as he stressed need for training in Brotherhood.

THE Ninth District Progress Meet in San Francisco October 4 and 5 concluded the successful 1957 season. Local Union 6's new home made a fine setting for the Ninth District's largest meeting to date and for the largest number of speakers to grace a Ninth District meet to date. All sessions were conducted by International Vice President Oscar Harbak.

International President Gordon M. Freeman gave a comprehensive picture of IBEW organization in the United States and urged members in all branches to thoroughly organize their jurisdictions.

International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan reported on the financial position of the Brotherhood

giving a full picture with regard to the various funds and our investment policy. Brother Keenan also made a stirring address on the danger of "Right-to-Work" legislation in the various states.

Jere P. Sullivan, International Treasurer, also addressed the meeting. He stressed in his talk the importance of training our members to fight anti-labor legislation.

Other speakers representing the International Office were Director of Manufacturing Operations Paul Menger and Director of Research and Education James E. Noe, and International Representative Frank Graham who handles problems of jurisdiction in the International Office.



View of portion of delegates attending Ninth District Progress Meeting which was held October 4 and 5 in new home of Local Union 6. The meet was the final progress meeting of the 1957 series held by Brotherhood.



International Representative Frank Graham spoke on Brotherhood problems centering on jurisdiction.



Vice President Harbak, Secretary Keenan and President Freeman with Thomas Ryan, Calif. group.



Delegates at the Ninth District assemblage listening to the speaker during successful two-day meeting in San Francisco. Scene was auditorium of new Local Union 6 home. Major International officers were present.

Brother Menger told the delegates that the IBEW's greatest field for expansion is in manufacturing and stressed the importance of organizing that field here and now.

Brother Noe showed the delegates a most interesting film concerning wages and cost of living. A major portion of his talk was based on the need for education and training in our Brotherhood.

Brother Frank Graham, in his talk, outlined the position of the IBEW on the Joint Industry Board established to settle disputes in the Building and Construction Industry.

Representing the NECA at the Ninth District Meet was Dexter Jewett who outlined in his address the purposes of the NECA and the history of the cooperation between NECA and IBEW.

Ninth District personnel who gave interesting talks for the benefit of all included Executive Council Member Charles J. Foehn who extended the greetings of the International Executive Council. International Representatives Otto Rieman and Walters Eli also addressed the group on various items of problem and progress in the district.

Many other interesting speakers addressed the two-day meeting.

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Walters Eli, International Representative, Hawaii, told about progress IBEW is making in islands.



All sessions of the meeting were conducted with International Vice President Oscar Harbak presiding.



Executive Council Member Charles J. Foehn pictured as he extended greetings of Council to delegates.



Treasurer Jere Sullivan stressed importance of training members to campaign against anti-labor laws.

ELECTRICAL

CREATE YULETIDE



This 45-foot tree festooned with 1,000 lights brightens Union Square. Using 100-ampere, two-phase current, Local 3 men have been erecting this tree every Yuletide season for five years.

EVERY year in cities great and small all over the United States and Canada at this season, IBEW members are at work creating the Community Christmas trees, the Santa Claus Lanes, the beautifully lighted stores and public buildings that make our towns Christmas wonderlands. In many, many communities much of this work is done free of charge—a union's contribution in which the contractors often share—to the pleasure of their fellowman at the holiday season.

We have reproduced for you here in the pages of your JOURNAL some of the Christmas creations in lights executed by one of our local unions, Local 3 in New York. The scenes shown here, photographed in December 1956, are being duplicated by IBEW members now in New York for the Christmas season 1957 and in other cities by other Electrical Workers coast to coast. In paying tribute to one local and one city here, we pay tribute to all—to sign electricians and other journeymen everywhere who con-



Projects similar to this though not so extensive take place all over the nation as members of the Brotherhood brighten the Yuletide season. This is "a mile of light" extending from Third Avenue to Morningside Avenue along 125th Street, Manhattan.



V. D. Galla, Jas. Jaccovae, Pete Mazzella, Pat Sagenit, Joe Genovese lighting a tree.

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WONDERLAND

tribute so much to the gaiety and beauty of the Christmas season.

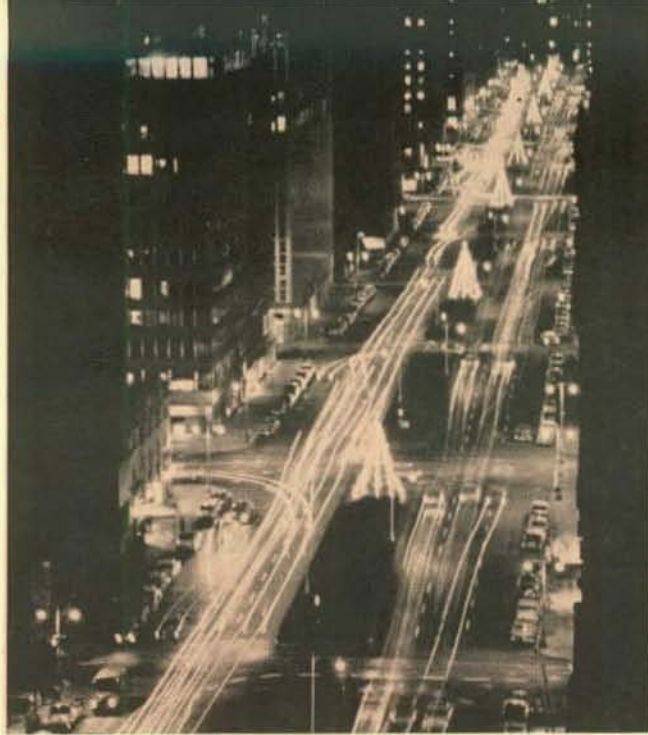
One of the spectacular lighting effects shown here in your JOURNAL was Lord and Taylor's tribute to the holiday season covering its entire store front on East 38th Street and Fifth Avenue in New York. As our readers will see the array takes on a Christmas tree-like pattern. More than 9,000 lamps were strung along three 80-foot iron rims extending 20 feet out from the building by a Local 3 Sign Division team working only at night to complete the 237 foot high Christmas tree setting.

Containing 400 three phase fuses, the lights were fed by 1100 amperes of current. A unique effect was created by glittering sunbursts flickering alternately every 30 seconds. At the time that this display was erected in 1956 it was the largest Lord and Taylor display hung by the Local 3 team during the five years they have been doing the job for Midtown Neon Company.

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Special equipment and light streamers are unloaded by Local 3 members Salvatore Palattola, left, and Jas. Morris.



Thirty-one gaily lighted spruce trees extend along Park Avenue from 34th to 96th Street in memory of soldiers who perished in World War II, Korean War.



The spectacular Lord and Taylor "tree" has been erected every season for past five years by Local 3 members. Towering over 237 feet high, it has 9,000 lamps with 27 flickering sunbursts.



At Noma Electric Co., which took its name from "National Outfit Manufacturers' Association," members of IBEW Local Union 545 turn out a Christmas product worthy of trust. Here is section of assembly room.

OUR MEMBERS MAKE *Christmas* LIGHTS



The popular bubble lights used in millions of homes at Christmas were only one of the Noma developments.



Christmas orders swell shipments from the busy workrooms of the Missouri employers of Local Union 545.

ONE of the most beloved traditions of Christmas is the Christmas tree. Back in Germany in the 1800's when the Christmas tree first became a popular part of the Yuletide season, a pretty evergreen was chosen, surrounded by burning candles and decorated with shining gold and silver ornaments. Through the years the Christmas tree has become more and more popular until today we might as well conceive a year without a Christmas as a holiday season without a Christmas tree. And what a tree! The twentieth century—the age of electricity—demands a beautifully lighted Christmas tree. And that is where the IBEW comes in.

St. Joseph, Missouri, has become known as the Christmas light cen-

ter of the world. There in a huge factory, more than 1200 Electrical Workers, members of IBEW Local No. 545, work every day throughout the year to produce the famed Noma Christmas lights and some 300 other Christmas items.

The coming of electric lights eliminated many a tragic holiday accident. Many old-timers may remember how as children we sat around the candle-lighted tree on Christmas night, a pail of water ready in case a fire occurred. Sometimes the pail of water wasn't quite enough and holiday joy turned to tragic holocaust.

It was shortly after World War I that miniature electric light bulbs were produced in volume and made available to the public at moderate prices.

The company which employs our members and with which we have a very good relationship, takes its name from "National Outfit Manufacturers' Association," popularly known everywhere as Noma.

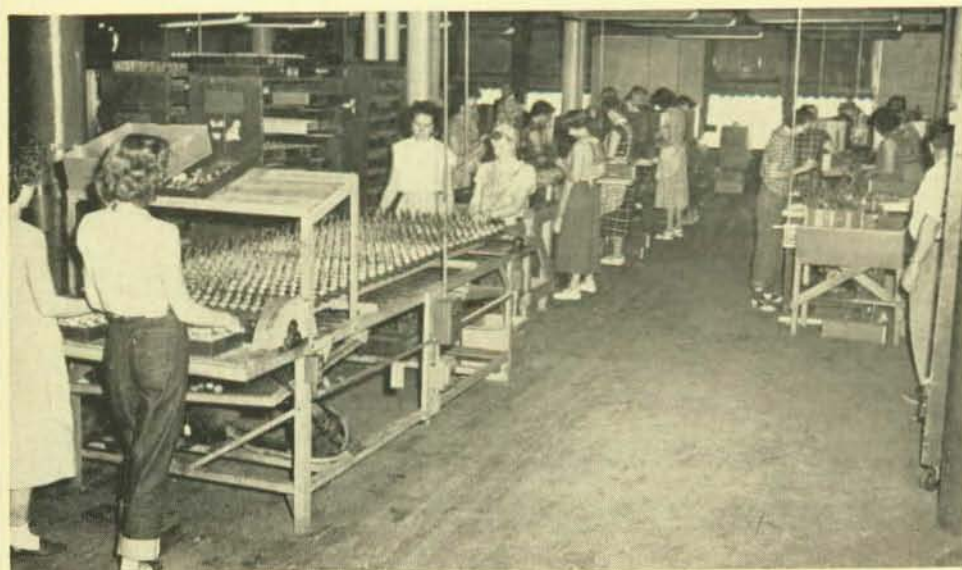
In 1939, Noma's plant headquarters were in New York. With the advent of World War II, electric wire, lamps and other materials used in the manufacture of light strings became impossible to obtain and Noma technicians and engineers then devoted their efforts toward producing items essential to the war effort.

After the war, Noma began a program of developing new Christmas lighting products to capture the fancy of would-be Christmas tree trimmers and decorators. The famous Bubble-Light was developed and many lighted plastic items designed to be used out of doors.

In 1947, Noma management decided to consolidate the manufacture of its Christmas decorations in one centrally located plant and St. Joseph, Missouri, was chosen as an excellent site.

The St. Joseph plant began production in one building in 1947. At that time it was producing only the Bubble-Light and employed less than 400 persons. Today the plant has expanded to include three seven-story buildings, with about 500,000 square feet of floor space. It is one of the largest employers in the City of St. Joseph. It employs 1,200 persons and man-

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Huge platters of bubble lights are processed at end of assembly line as shipments are readied to go nationwide. More than 1200 are employed.



In the Home of Silent



WITH the coming of Christmas, also comes the caroling. From church organ, from our living room pianos and hi-fi sets, from street corner groups keeping pots "boiling" to make a happy Christmas for the poor, and even from the lowly juke box, the familiar songs of Christmas ring out on the winter air.

There are many songs of Christmas—sacred songs like "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The First Noel," and jolly songs like "Jingle Bells" and sentimental songs like "White Christmas" and even frivolous songs like "I Saw Mommie Kissing Santa Claus." All are popular and add to the joy of the Christmas sea-

The famous song "Silent Night" was written in Oberndorf, Germany, in 1818 by a priest and a teacher. A memorial chapel commemorates them and their famous carol. Here children gathered in the chapel sing memorial services.



The two composers are honored by a plaque. Mohr, below, was the parish priest.



The schoolroom in which he taught is still used many years after death of Gruber.



Two stained-glass windows honor the composers. This one is dedicated to Mohr.



The memory of Gruber, who wrote the music, is honored by window.

Night



son, but always there is one carol, one song, perhaps a little more beautiful than the rest, that is most favored by all peoples of the Western World. That song is "Silent Night."

Like all other songs, "Silent Night" had to have a beginning—had to have a home. The home of its origin is pictured for you here. It was composed in the little town of Oberndorf tucked away in the Austrian Tyrol and was first sung there in 1818.

"Silent Night" is the work of two men, a priest, Joseph Mohr, who wrote the words and Franz Gruber, a teacher, who composed the music.



This plaque on one of Oberndorf's main streets commemorates the event when, in order to have music at midnight mass when the organ broke down, the priest Mohr wrote a poem which the teacher Gruber set to simple music in hours.

Today, this little town which might otherwise be forgotten by the rest of a busy world, has a memorial chapel dedicated to the two men and the song, which is thought perhaps to be the most universally popular in the world.

The church where the two men first brought their composition to light is still represented by the original tower which has withstood the years. Both Gruber and Mohr have memorial windows in their honor in the little church. Many visitors and tourist parties journey yearly to the little town to see the birthplace of the song that begins, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The people of Oberndorf continue to be musical and hornplayers in native costume can often be seen.



This memorial chapel to the composers of "Silent Night" was built in 1928, 110 years after the song was composed, scored overnight.

Below: A pigtailed schoolgirl is watering plants before a plaque to memory of the teacher, Gruber, who composed the familiar melody.



of the original church where the song was first performed, only the tower at right remains.



At right is the memorial chapel dedicated to the memory of the two who in a few inspired hours wrote the hymn.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NEWSLETTERS



We bring you excerpts from recent issues of the President's Newsletter.

The idea of a "National Electrical Week," this year has spread all the way to our fellow workers "Down Under." The six Australian states have scheduled a "Live Better Electrically Week," with a program somewhat comparable to ours.

Last February, "National Electrical Week" was observed in 40 states in the United States, five Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii.

The next observance is scheduled for February 9-15, 1958.

As your Newsletter went to press, the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO was just concluding its Convention in Washington, D. C.

Our readers will be interested to know that at this meeting I was elected a Vice President of the Department.

Electric utilities have negotiations for approximately \$100 million a year rate increases. The largest rate increase request is Southern California Edison's which is asking \$34 million more per year. Commonwealth Edison is requesting \$25 million and Pacific Gas and Electric, \$16 million.

Here are some notes on the educational front.

L. U. 336, Chicago, Illinois, has a 3-day training program for stewards embracing history of the local, the contract and its application, the pension and death benefit plan of the IBEW and other matters.

L. U. 58 and the Detroit Electrical Contractors Association have joined resources to promote an evening school course in "Basic Industrial Electronics." Approximately 30 members of Local 58 are attending the class which meets one night a week for three hours.

L. U. 569, San Diego, California reports that during the past year classes have been held in Industrial Electronics, Advanced Electronics, the National Electrical Code, and that the latest educational venture is a class for electrical foremen.

We bring you news from our election fronts around the country.

At General Electric's Medium Voltage Switchgear Department, Atlanta Plant, we won an NLRB election for the Clerical Unit by a majority of 13 to 1 and for the hourly paid Production Unit by a majority of 26 to 1. Howard T. Durand, Assistant Business Manager of Local Union 613 has sent us this information.

Representative Stanley Thompson of the Eighth District has reported successful elections with the Wright Tree Trimming Company and the Davey Tree Surgery Company. These elections will affect work on a state wide basis (Montana) and 16 local unions of the IBEW.

At the Westinghouse Plant, Dover, New Jersey, IBEW won the NLRB election defeating the I.U.E.

Representative James P. Conway has written us of a successful election for the municipal employees of

Mora, Minnesota. This concerns a small diesel plant.

Representative Elmer C. Kelly reports the following election at the Wright Electronics Company, Kansas City, Missouri: IBEW, 48; No Union, 30.

At Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on the Federal Labor Union 19057 campaign, IBEW won 165 to 75. Representative Joseph Ozanic sent in this information.

Brother Earl R. Lantau, Business Manager of L. U. 109, Rock Island, Illinois, has written us about the new agreement signed with the Sears Water Power Company. Our members have been working a 48 hour week (8 hours at 1½). Their work week has now been reduced to 40 with no loss of pay.

We now bring you notes on other contract negotiations around the country.

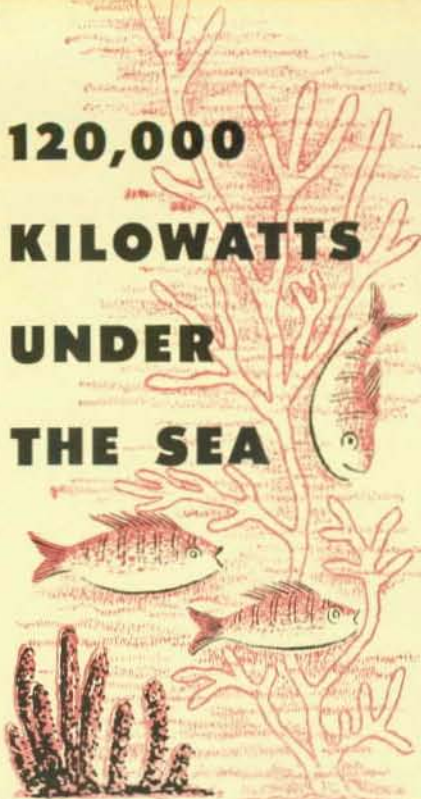
System Council Locals 111 (Denver), 925 (Grand Junction) and 1436 (Boulder, Colorado) have voted to accept the Public Service Company's offer by a 2 to 1 vote. This will give all employees a 5½ percent increase in wages, and big improvements in insurance and hospitalization benefits.

At Station WHHH, Warren, Pennsylvania, our members settled for a \$5.00 a week increase plus some fringe benefits.

L. U. 1061, Cincinnati, Ohio has ratified an agreement with AVCO for a 10 cent package, including a 9 cents across-the-board increase.

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120,000 KILOWATTS UNDER THE SEA



The cable ship "Ocean Layer," most modern afloat, pays out cable to barge alongside which took ends of cable in to shores at the islands. Cable is world's greatest in capacity, voltage and continuous length.



THE Dominion of Canada has another "great" to add to the long line of accomplishments in scientific and industrial progress constantly going forward in that fast-growing land to the North.

By a unique and ingenious method 120,000 kilowatts of electricity flow under the sea beneath Georgia Strait and Trincomali Channel to Vancouver Island, bringing all the electricity needed to the people of that community from the well-supplied mainland of British Columbia. The "juice" is brought in by a cable unlike any that has ever existed before. The first submarine power cable was laid between Sweden and Denmark 25 years ago and others since, but no other cable has ever been laid with such high capacity and operating voltage and of such continuous length. "It is a milestone in the history of engineering," according to Mr. Thomas Ingledow, Vice President and Executive Engineer for the B. C. Electric Company.

The cable is a hollow type copper conductor, measuring exactly one inch in diameter, carrying

120,000 kilowatts of electricity at 132,000 volts. Again, according to Mr. Ingledow, "It also provides the solution to the problem of securing low-cost additional power for the southern Island and Victoria. If the population and industry of southern Vancouver Island were to double tomorrow, all the added power required to meet its needs could be supplied by this cable laid last year.

We should like to tell you the reasons behind this project of the B. C. Electric Company, employer of members of our Local 213, and how the feat was accomplished.

A serious power problem had arisen in this area of British Columbia, stemming from the fact that while industry and population were growing at a rapid rate, especially in the southern portion of Vancouver Island, it was evident that low-cost hydro-electric energy would soon be exhausted.

The B. C. Electric Company realized that as soon as low-cost hydro was exhausted, then relatively high-cost thermo-electric plants would have to be built.

Dangling over the side in boatswain's chairs, a pair of workmen fit paying-out gear onto the big cable as it begins descent into Strait of Georgia.



The cable is brought ashore at Galiano Island, 16½ miles from the mainland, to be anchored in concrete duct which is waiting for it. Nitrogen under pressure fills hollow core of the 120,000-k.w. underwater carrier.

Mr. Ingledow explains how a solution was found.

"Unlike the Island, the Mainland of British Columbia had large potential hydro sites yet untapped. The problem, however, was how to transmit power generated on the Mainland, to Vancouver Island on a dependable basis. The answer was via a combination of underwater cable and overhead transmission lines, providing that submarine cables could be obtained

which would ensure the maximum of dependability. In other words, if a cable could be manufactured, delivered to the site and installed without the need for conventional splicing of cables, the dependability would be greatly increased."

Up until that time submarine cables of the voltage, carrying capacity and desired length had not been produced.

Conferences were set up with cable manufacturers, and engi-

neers were engaged to explore the task of examining possible routes and ocean bottom conditions. The engineering team was led by Dr. John Tully, the Pacific Oceanographer, who investigated the conditions and determined the best route, as far as possible free from rocks, deep gullies, etc. which would be harmful to the cable. Consideration also had to be given to a location where ocean bottom currents were mild and shore landing conditions relatively good.

The route finally decided upon ran from Tsawwassen Beach underwater to Galiano Island, across Galiano and Parker Islands by conventional overhead transmission, then under Trincomali Channel to Salt Spring Island and, finally, from Salt Spring Island to Vancouver Island, again by overhead transmission. The entire circuit was to run 46 miles, 19½ miles of which would be underwater.



Above: Many hours of practice by the cable-laying crew were needed before actual operations were begun.

Left: Route of the 46-mile power line is shown on map. The two sections under water are in white.

Right: A cross-section of the bottom over which the cable was laid. High towers suspend overhead line linking Vancouver and Salt Spring.

The cable was laid by British Insulated Callender's Cables Limited. During the 12-month period following the letting of the contract, this firm rebuilt a part of its factory in Manchester, in order to produce continuous lengths of cable up to 17 miles long.

When completed, it was loaded aboard the 4,700-ton cable ship, the "Ocean Layer."

Laden with 3,900 tons of cable, worth \$3,000,000, the "Ocean Layer" made the 8,700 mile trip from Manchester to Vancouver, a voyage lasting 40 days.

The "Ocean Layer" is considered the best-equipped cable ship afloat. Her maneuverability in the water has been compared with that of a helicopter in the air. With the aid of a propeller in her rudder, she can move forward, backward, sideways or maintain a fixed position despite wind, tide or current.

By the time the "Ocean Layer" had arrived and was ready to perform the work, construction was well advanced on the other components of the 46-mile circuit. Arnott Substation on the mainland was nearly completed. This substation would supply power to the

submarine cable. At the same time final tests were being made on Vancouver Island, Stratford substation, receiving installation for the power.

Towers were erected for the overhead crossings between the islands—Galiano Island to Parker and Vancouver Island to Salt Spring. Great concrete ramps, called "cable chases" were built on the beaches to protect the submarine cables where they emerged from the water.

At the mainland side of the Strait of Georgia, a reinforced concrete tunnel was built to carry the cables down the 200-foot embankment at Tsawwassen Beach.

The cable-laying was begun July 18, 1956, in the calm waters of Trincomali Channel. The operation took five weeks and 10 separate cables were laid. Three cables formed the circuit and the others were spares, to handle the power in case of trouble on the other lines.

The operation by which the cable was laid is an interesting one. It was controlled from a special "drum" room aboard the ship. In this room, information concerning tension on the cable, speed of pay-



Leaning on length of cable, a crewmember of cable ship holds a cross-section of it in hand.

ing out, speed of ship, miles travelled, depth of bottom and so on, were presented on meters and recorded on continuously moving charts.

The cable emerged from four big tanks below deck and was laid out by a cable-laying machine, a series of three steam-driven capstan wheels around which the cable travelled.

A system of variable speed gears kept the tons of cable from racing out of control as it hung from the ship to the ocean floor.

It was a precise, exacting task. Winds and currents made the laying extremely difficult.

The cable-layers overcame this problem with the aid of echo-sounding equipment which gave a continuous picture of the sea bottom, and with tight-beamed ship-to-shore radio connections that enabled the vessel to keep precisely on course.

Bringing the cable ashore at each end of a run presented another ticklish task. Exactly the right amount of cable was paid off onto a barge, which then carried the end to the beach.

When the sea-borne cable men completed each length of circuit, other engineers on land went to work. The cable was hooked up

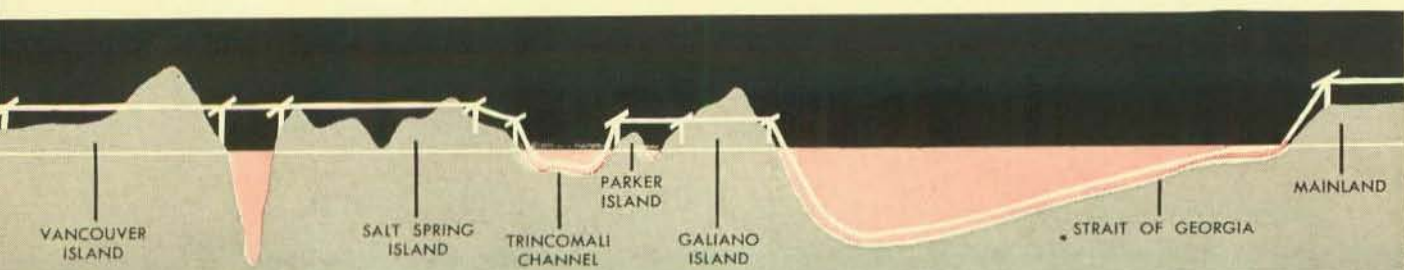
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The cable was paid out by this machine, a series of three capstan wheels operated by steam.



Men deep in cable tank ease the carrier from coiled rest. Man at top is lubricating the fairlead.



Progress Meet

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G. B. Finley gave a "Report on the Conditions in the Territory of Alaska."

Thurman Quinn gave a detailed report on the work of the instrument personnel at the Hanford Works, Richland, Washington — members of L. U. 1958.

John M. Carney, reporting for the California State Association of Electrical Workers gave a resume of labor conditions in the State of California. He also described L. U. 477's "Buck-of-the-Month" Club whereby every member of that local union voluntarily contributes \$1.00 monthly to COPE.

(Incidentally, a collection for COPE taken up during the Progress Meeting netted \$237.00.)

Attorney Mathew O. Tobriner, always a popular speaker of Progress Meetings of District Nine, addressed the delegates on the subject "Challenge of Responsible Unionism." In his talk Mr. Tobriner brought out the fact that a union shop protects the integrity of a union and makes for stability of labor relations. He also deplored the "Right-to-Work" laws. Mr. Tobriner concluded his address with some excellent advice to all members of organized labor for building a reputation of reliability and integrity with the general public.

W. L. Vinson, business manager of L. U. 125, Portland, gave a report on labor conditions in the State of Oregon.

Brother R. G. Brede spoke on the "Special Problems Involved in Radiation Work."

G. F. Pennington, representing the Washington State Association of Electrical Workers, gave a report on Conditions in the State of Washington.

Most of the speakers addressed the delegates on the first day of the meet leaving the second day open for questions of delegates and reports from the floor.

All delegates agreed at the conclusion of the meeting that it was one of the best Progress Meets to date and a fitting closing for the '57 season.

Prize Winner Again



One of our members, Brother Charles H. Deery of L. U. 26, Washington, D. C., succeeds every year in capturing first prize for his Christmas home display, in the neighborhood in which he lives.

This photo shows the prize winning display for Christmas 1956. It portrays Santa Claus riding a rocket, jet propelled, with strings of lights cascading from the back. Lights nearest the rocket were red, center lights, amber, and those near the end, white, simulating vapor. The colored lights were connected with flashes alternating to give the effect of motion.

The rocket and Santa Claus were cut from 1/8 inch masonite with a compass saw (design drawn free hand) and then painted in bright Christmas colors. Brother Deery says the display was constructed and installed with the aid of his two sons, Rex and Robert.

We have a notion that Brother Deery will be aiming for another prize this year. Any readers living in the vicinity should take a ride by 4 East Hamilton Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, and take a look.

Wonderland

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Another job of which Local 3 was proud last year was the decoration of Park Avenue's famous evergreen trees extending from 34th to 96th Street. Every 30 foot tree was decorated with 300 10-watt candelabra lamps and 100 Edison base 10 watt yellow lamps creating a breath-taking festive effect.

Another job of which the Local 3 decorative team was especially proud last year was the 45 foot evergreen tree in Union Square across the street from Klein's Department Store. This tree was

strung with 1,000 15-watt lamps and has been so decorated by the Local 3 team every holiday season since 1951.

Last year L. U. 3 crews strung one mile of decorative lights from Morningside Avenue to Third Avenue, along West 125th Street in Manhattan. Over 4,000 lamps were used.

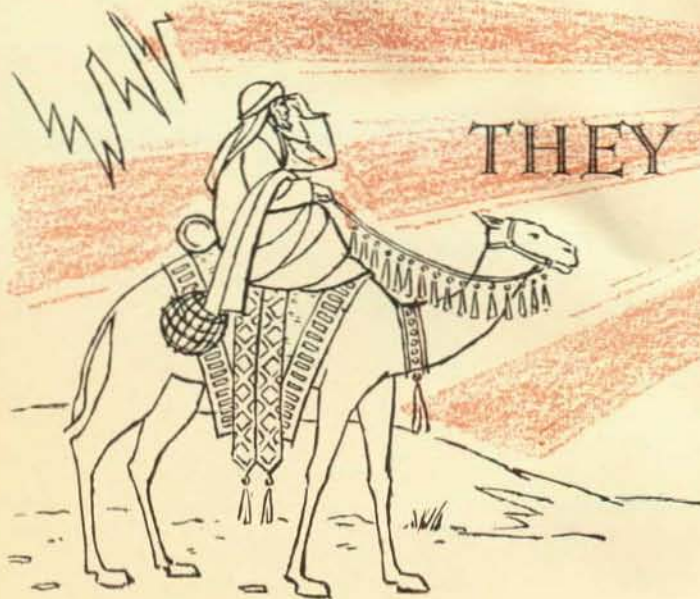
New York, often termed the brightest city in the world, earns that title anew every Christmas' thanks to union Electrical Workers. And in every city IBEW skilled workmen unite to bring Christmas beauty and sparkle to their own home towns.

PENNSYLVANIA TELEPHONE WORKERS



The photographs of groups on this page were made at the meeting of the Pennsylvania telephone workers' meeting at Bedford Springs, Oct. 25-27. While no identifications are included, there is no doubt it was a meeting characterized by some of the best-looking labor delegates ever to convene!





THEY FOLLOWED THE STAR

CERTAIN men in the East for the second time in recent months, have put a satellite into the heavens. As it circles the earth its path is tracked by watchful telescopes of scientists of all nations, while they wonder what it will portend for the future of the world.

It is a thing of fear and hate, for the rockets which carried it so many miles beyond our earth are potential weapons of destruction. It is a thing of wonder for it represents a step towards man's conquering of outer space and his subsequent journey to the moon or other planets.

A few centuries ago, when Augustus Caesar in seeming peace ruled over a civilization which was rotting, somewhat like our present-day world, from diseases spawned by its own corruption, there were Wise Men in the East who journeyed to Bethlehem.

These Wise Men lived in a country to the east of Judea and belonged to the caste of priest-scholars known as Magi, who devoted themselves to the study of religion, medicine, astrology, mathematics and other sciences. The Magian class had originated in Persia and had spread to other eastern countries. In all of these countries the Magi were greatly respected for their wisdom and

learning. (The word Magi itself, of Indo-Germanic origin, means great or illustrious.)

Certain of these renowned Magi or Wise Men, in studying the wonders above them in the Oriental skies, were amazed at this time to find a new star in the heavens and were inspired to follow it to the manger-throne of the Messiah.

Historians tell us that the Messias-King was at that time commonly expected in Palestine, and in fact, later, at Herod's death, at least three false messiascs arose.

Neighboring peoples to Pales-

tine were familiar with Messianic prophecy, and perhaps, particularly in the bordering kingdom of Arabia, Balaam's prophecy was not unknown: "A star rises out of Jacob and a scepter is lifted up from Israel." But none of this discounts at all interior revelation.

Those chosen Wise Men then, having decided to follow the star which would lead them to the Messiah-King, selected gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Probably from the fact of the three gifts, the tradition grew up that there were three Wise Men. Also,



there was an early legend that the Wise Men represented all mankind in the three races of Sem, Cham and Japhet. The tradition of three became generally accepted in the sixth century.

An early legend telling of their names and describing them is found in an eighth century work credited to Venerable Bede. It says: "The first was called Melchior; he was an old man, with white hair and long beard; he offered gold to the Lord as to his king. The second, Gaspar by name, young, beardless, of ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due to Divinity. The third, of black complexion, with heavy beard, was called Baltasar; the myrrh he held in his hands prefigured the death of the Son of Man."

This symbolism of the gifts of the Magi as pointed out by ancient Bede, has been spoken of by writers from earliest times. One ancient poet stated it very simply: "They offer gold, incense, myrrh, to king, God and man."

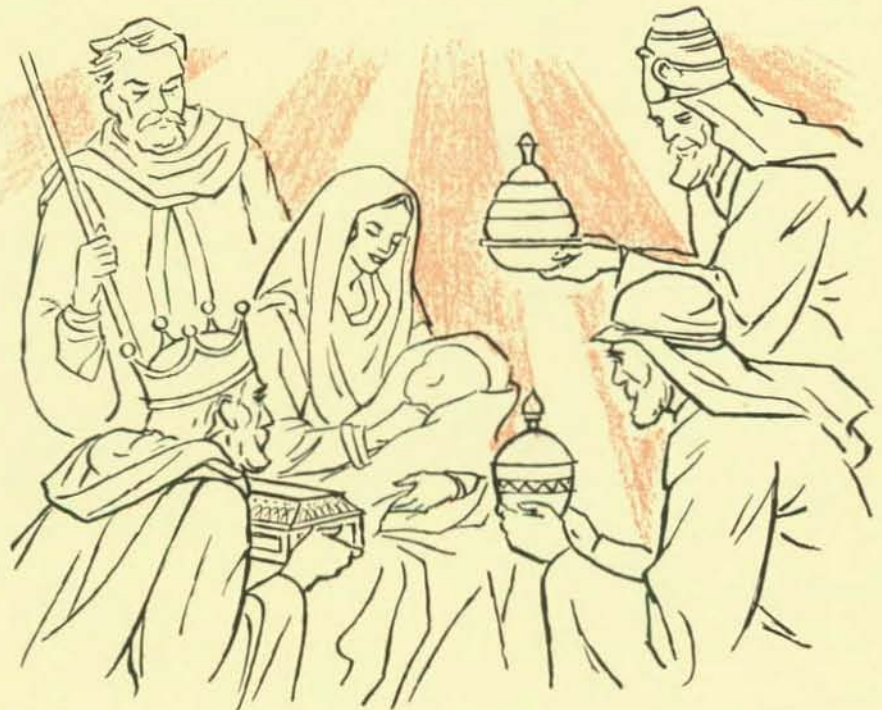
These gifts which the Wise Men carried would point to their being inhabitants of Arabia. Frankincense and myrrh were the two most important products of Arabia at that time. Incense was used by almost all peoples exclusively in prayer offerings to the Divinity, and myrrh was valued by Egyptians for embalming and the Jews used it too for the dead. Controlling the market in two such precious products then, Arabia would at the same time be a country rich in gold.

Also, credence is given the supposition that the Magi came from Arabia by the fact that there were many Jews living in Arabia at this time and there was much commerce between the two peoples. Their languages, of the Semitic family, were alike; scholars say almost as similar as two dialects of the same tongue. Other eastern peoples, Persians, for instance, spoke an Indo-European language. It is pointed out that Arabians visiting in Judea would have little trouble making themselves understood or in finding an interpreter.

It is probable then, though never

established, that the gift-laden Magi set out on their journey from Arabia. They traveled by night, being led by the star, and rested by day.

The star itself has been a mystery. Was it Halley's comet as has been thought. Scholars say it could not have been, for that comet appeared about 12 years before the birth of Christ. Was it the conjunction of Saturn, Mars and Jupiter, which is said to have occurred around this time? Scholars again say no, it was not a con-



stellation, but a single sphere, perhaps either a meteor, a comet or a star.

It went before them, leading them no one knows how many nights across wind swept deserts or through what obstacles, into Judea. In the capital, Jerusalem, the Magi made inquiry saying: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod heard of this he immediately began to think of his own precarious throne. According to history, he was head of that with which the modern world is so well acquainted—a police state.

Herod was a man who having ruled for 33 years in Palestine, had recently murdered two of his

own sons and had ordered killed 300 officials suspected of siding with the two sons. At this time he was petitioning the Emperor of Rome for permission to execute a third son.

He is reported to have drowned his brother-in-law, killed his uncle, his wife, and others in the family. In his citadel at Hyrcania there were executions of many victims. He is reported to have ordered killed thousands of people suspected of plotting against him.

His subjects led the fear-filled

lives common to a police state. They were forbidden any assemblies, even in small groups, and were kept constantly busy. They lived in dread at all times of Herod's secret police who were everywhere. Any attempts at revolt were drowned in blood-baths.

This tyrant, when advised of the inquiry of the Wise Men, gathered together chief priests and scribes and asked of them the birthplace of the King. And they answered him from the prophecy, "And thou, Bethlehem, of the land of Juda, art by no means least among the princes of Juda; for from thee shall come forth a leader who shall rule my people Israel."

Having heard this, Herod summoned the Magi in secret, asked

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EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

The AFL-CIO Convention

As your *Journal* went to press, the AFL-CIO Second Constitutional Convention had just been concluded in Atlantic City. There were many who in December 1955, viewed with alarm the merging of the two biggest and strongest labor groups in the world, into one united labor front. Now two years later, friends and enemies of labor alike must stand back and admire the solidly constructed federation which has emerged. The AFL-CIO is a federation which, after two years of work, decision, and action has now demonstrated in its second convention, its fitness to cope with critical situations and its ability to plan for the future—the future of the working men and women of this country.

There were some momentous decisions made at this recent convention. There were actions taken which taxed representatives of many organizations sorely—actions that were only taken after much consideration and deliberation. The ouster of several unions brought an aura of sadness to the whole gathering. In the Teamsters case, for example—here was a union on trial—a long-time staunch union, that has helped many other unions immeasurably in time of labor difficulty. It did not come easy with the delegates to divorce them, their friends from the family of labor.

But—it was the right course, the only course, if the AFL-CIO was to demonstrate to its member unions and to the world at large, that it meant what it said about dealing firmly with any form of corruption in the labor movement.

It is the sincere hope of this International Union and every other National and International Union, that the membership of the unions under expulsion will quickly rise and take the action to show to the world that the rank and file unionists of this country, and by far and large the majority of their leaders, are honest and sincere—that they are a part of the public, wanting what is best for all the public.

We hope the return of the Teamsters and Bakers and the rest will be very soon, so that they may join with the balance of the millions of us to help carry out the strong policy program adopted by the Convention, the sole purpose of which is to defend American labor from the attacks of anti-labor forces and to press forward with new economic and social gains for all the workers of our nation.

Skill Is Important

With the approach of a new year, we wish to once more drive home to our members the importance of

education and training among Electrical Workers. During the year 1957, the accomplishments of a great number of our local unions in setting up advanced electronic programs and other courses for journeymen have been impressive and gratifying. However, the job ahead is so great, there is so much yet to be done, that we make a special appeal here on the editorial pages of your *Journal* for the help of every union in increasing the number of highly skilled Electrical Workers on this continent.

The sputniks and the muttniks make the skill of every American workman even more important. In the defense program, in the vast power programs ahead, with the growth of atomic energy, the demand for highly-skilled Electrical Workers is bound to become more and more pressing. New jobs are being created every day. We hope for the future of this country that they will be filled and filled quickly. We hope for the future of our union and the welfare of every member in it, that they will be filled with IBEW trained personnel.

A. J. Hayes, international president of the Machinists, in a recent speech stressing the worldwide need for skilled workers made the following remark: "You can't buy skill for all the money in the world where there is no skill."

We sincerely hope that in the New Year ahead, more and more of our local unions will follow the example set by so many of their sister local unions and install serious, advanced training programs for journeymen.

Your Union Meetings

While we are on the subject of the approaching New Year, we would like to put in the ever-recurring "plug" for attendance at union meetings. There is so much of vital importance that concerns organized labor these days that it would seem logical for intelligent men and women of the caliber that we have in our Brotherhood, to want to attend union meetings.

We are being attacked by anti-labor forces on all sides. It is only by coming together and deciding on a course of action and working together, that we can combat the attacks of the "Right-to-Work" addicts and others of their ilk.

We make a special appeal here and now to the officers of our local unions also. If your meeting attendance is poor, try to analyze the cause and better still, try to do something about it. Dull meetings can be made considerably more interesting and inviting if

they are planned in advance, if discussion is encouraged with long-winded members limited in their discussion.

Good speakers and good movies can do much to pep up a meeting and bring a better attendance.

If officers will try to foster a spirit of friendliness, and make new members feel at home, their efforts can go far to create an interested membership.

We ask all to do what they can—officers to improve meetings, members to improve attendance. The labor movement doesn't just need a tenth of us, or a half of us—it needs *all* of us, if we are to survive and go forward.

How It Works

As we have stated in previous articles in your *Journal*, the recent Senate investigations have been used with damaging effect against labor unions in many areas. *Labor Newspaper* pointed out recently how Senator Karl E. Mundt, a right-wing member of the McClellan investigating committee and long an anti-labor force in this country, has been delivering speeches about the country on the "findings" of the committee.

And it is not the reporting of the "findings" which is the most damaging part of his speeches and those of many, many more, following the anti-labor line. The speeches are accompanied by demands for sweeping new laws designed to "gag" unions politically, outlaw secondary boycotts, prohibit the union shop, extend anti-trust laws to unions, etc. These so-called reform measures are merely the weapons that could destroy organized labor completely.

Speeches like Senator Mundt's, coming as they do from persons in high places, are having their effect on the public. Corporations are taking advantage of them at every opportunity, to prevent organizing of their plants. Recently the General Electric Company at Waynesboro, Virginia, in an attempt to block unionism in that plant, not only circulated copies of a Mundt speech in pamphlet form among all the plant employees, but mailed copies to school teachers and other members of the community's general public.

Labor newspaper pointed out, that in a covering letter from the plant General Manager Louis T. Rader, he explained that "the organization and activities of labor unions are currently in the public view because of the investigations of the McClellan Committee. In connection with this I am sure you will find the enclosed pamphlet most interesting."

Of course, it goes without saying that the more recent "findings" of the McClellan Committee which stress the shady records of some employers and their "union busting" techniques have neither been played up in speeches nor circulated in pamphlet form. But that's the way it works.

So it is up to us, the members of organized labor, to be constantly on the job, telling the truth, getting the union side of the story to the public, counteracting the effect of the Mundts and the Raders. It is not an

easy job. It is not a "once-in-a-while job." It is a constant, never-ending job that has to be done. It is up to us to do it if we are to survive.

Never Underestimate

There's a well known slogan in our country—"Never underestimate the power of a woman."

Here in these editorial pages this month, we want to emphasize the importance of that slogan in relation to one extremely important phase of union life—the purchase of union label goods and union services.

It is a well known fact that the women of the United States and Canada do the major part of all the buying in all lines—food, clothing, homewares, so-called luxuries and in many, many cases they are also the persons who call in the Plumbers, Carpenters, Electricians, Painters, etc., to make necessary repairs and improvements in the home.

The influence that the women of this continent can have in the future of organized labor is tremendous. We have more than 250,000 women members of the IBEW. We have 500,000 male members who have wives, sisters, mothers who are the main purchasing agents for their family groups. We ask you all to consider carefully the part that you do play and can play in the welfare of all working people. Your purchasing power is a weapon which can be used not just to advance the welfare of your family but of all organized labor. Your influence can spread far from the boundaries of your home and reach out into assembly lines, factories, shops, where you, your husband or other union workers are employed. Your consistent demand for union products and services can be the greatest contributing factor to the continued growth and strength of the labor movement. And of course, in direct proportion to the strength of the labor movement, is the standard of living in the home.

Therefore we urge our IBEW women everywhere, "never to underestimate their power" but to use it constantly for the welfare of their own families, their neighbors, their country. Think "Union Label" and buy accordingly.

John P. Frey

Just as the recent AFL-CIO Convention convened in Atlantic City, a man who had been a vital part of the labor movement, one who had played a prominent role in many labor conventions, passed on. He was John P. Frey, 86-year-old president emeritus of the AFL-CIO Metal Trades Department.

John P. Frey contributed materially to bring about the growth of organized labor in this country. There are few who knew so much of the history of the labor movement. John Frey always knew the answers where labor was concerned. There are few unions in the labor family who have not benefited at one time or another from his advice and counsel. He may well be described as a grand old man of labor. We shall miss him and not soon see his kind again. May he rest in peace.

Followed Star

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of them the time of the star's appearance, and sent them to Bethlehem, professing to want to know the whereabouts of the Child so that he too could go and worship. Later, after realizing that the Wise Men were not coming back to reveal the place where the new-born King lay, he, characteristically, issued that order which would bring about a massacre of the boy children of Bethlehem under two years of age. It has been estimated by historians that between 15 and 25 little victims were put to death under this horrible order.

Over in Bethlehem, the Child had indeed been born. He had come into the midst of the Israelites—the chosen people—and the Judean shepherds had answered the invitation to come. Now the days there were passing and soon Joseph would be taking Mary and the Child into Egypt to save Him from Herod's swordsmen.

Meanwhile, having left Jerusalem, the Wise Men journeyed swiftly on to Bethlehem "And unexpectedly the star . . . stopped over the place where the Child was! At sight of the star they were supremely happy. And so, entering the house and seeing the Child with his mother Mary, they threw themselves down to do homage to Him. Opening also their treasure chests, they presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

They had answered the summons of the star and it had led them, the representatives of the entire Gentile world, truly to their King. Their journey was completed. Now after receiving a warning in a dream not to return to Herod, the Magi went back another way to their own country.

Christmas Lights

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ufactures the entire Noma Lite line, more than 300 different items.

One of the most unusual features about work at Noma is that, while

This Month's Cover

Madonna and Child

BY MURILLO

For our Christmas cover this year, we have again gone to the work of Bartolomé Estéban Murillo to choose another of his famous paintings of the Child Jesus and His Mother. The painting reproduced on our JOURNAL cover for Christmas 1957 is the "Madonna and Child."

Murillo was born in 1618 in Seville, Spain, and it was here he served his apprenticeship under the guidance of Juan del Castillo, and spent most of his life. It was during this century that the religious fervor which had been the leading force of Spanish history, found expression through art. Murillo was an outstanding interpreter of the feelings of his people, for religion was truly the most dominant force in his life which he combined with his great artistic talent, and gave to the world some of the most beautiful Spanish art ever known.

Murillo has a reputation of being a people's painter rather than an artist's painter and true this is for he acted as a teacher of the poor of his day, transferring the teachings of the Church onto canvas, thereby telling the story of the Church to those who could not read it for themselves.

A very sincere and pious man, Murillo possessed the distinguishing gift of realism. His subjects have the features of ordinary people and reflect this Spanish artist's love of human nature, color and beauty.

We feel our cover painting is one of Murillo's most beautiful pieces of work. The Child nestled in his Mother's arms represents the truth and peace, the message He brought to the world to which He was born over 19 hundred years ago.

its products are as seasonable "as they come," Noma employees work the year round, producing the items that will be used only a few days out of the year.

Every day this largest Christmas light factory in the world turns out half a million lamp bulbs among other things. Some 125 million lamps are needed yearly. More than one million feet of insulated wire is required for yearly operations.

Noma has been a pioneer in Christmas decoration progress. It was Noma that perfected the safety fuse plug preventing electrical fires. Noma played a major role in developing the dependable multiple type Christmas light string—if one lamp burns out, the others remain lighted. Noma also took the lead in developing outdoor lights rugged enough to withstand any kind of weather.

In addition to Bubble-Lights,

Ad-A-Lites and Twinkle Lights have joined the Noma family. Ad-A-Lites enable the decorator to place a light wherever one is needed by attaching a pin-type socket to the wire.

Twinkle Lites flash on and off giving a twinkling effect.

Our Local 545, IBEW has had an agreement with the St. Joseph Plant of Noma since March 1, 1948. All employees in production, maintenance, etc., are members of IBEW. Business Manager Earl Holman writes us that "Relations at the present time are excellent."

We ask all our members to keep Noma lights and our members who make them in mind when they purchase their tree decorations.

(We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation of L. U. 545 Business Manager Earl Holman in supplying us with the material and pictures for this article.)

ORGANIZED LABOR FIGHTS CRUEL DISEASE



AFL-CIO President George Meany gives \$25,000 check to Dr. Robert Parrott to endow clinic for cystic fibrosis victims in Washington, D. C. Center is Jim Weber, *Journal* photographer, head of CF chapter, whose activity sparked clinic after his daughter died a victim of the mysterious malady.

Below: Secretary-Treasurer Joseph Keenan visits clinic at Children's Hospital. It was his advice and guidance which resulted in grant from William Green Memorial Foundation. Little patient is Johnny Mitchell. Dr. Joseph LoPresti, director of clinic, holds therapy mask.

THE nation's first endowed clinic for the study of cystic fibrosis and the care of children afflicted with it, recently established at Children's Hospital in Washington, D. C., is an organized labor clinic and one in which IBEW members will be especially interested.

The clinic was endowed with a grant of \$25,000 by the William Green Memorial Fund. It will study the causes and possible cures of cystic fibrosis, a prime killer of children said to afflict one in every 600 children born today. "CF" as it is popularly called, is a great "imitator disease." It manifests itself by symptoms identical or similar to acute chronic diarrhea, gastro-enteritis and other disorders of the digestive tract; by constant coughing, failure to gain weight, clubbing of the fingertips and other symptoms familiar to pediatricians. Early diagnosis and care are the



best hopes today of keeping a victim alive since there is no known cure and if the disease is allowed to progress unchecked the chances are that the little victim will gradually waste away as if by malnutrition or will be carried away by an overwhelming case of pneumonia.

The IBEW background of the clinic comes from several circumstances; the original idea for the establishment of the clinic came from Jim Weber, our IBEW official photographer who for the past nine years has been seen at our International Conventions, at Progress and other meetings and on special stories for the JOURNAL. His 9-year-old daughter, Edith May, better known to her many friends, young and old, as "Dee Dee," died from "CF" on Good Friday, 1956, after what Jim called "the gamest fight anybody ever put up against impossible odds. She never complained although she was in and out of hospitals no less than a dozen times, had oxygen-tent therapy at death's door three times and suffered literally thousands of hypodermic shots, inoculations, feedings and blood plasma injections into her veins."

When "Dee Dee" finally found rest and was awaiting burial in Arlington National Cemetery, the first of many visitors who called at the Funeral Home was a group of six members of Local No. 3, New York, headed by Harry Van Arsdale, Jr. They were in Washington to attend a meeting and took time out to call and offer their sympathy. They left a generous contribution with Mrs. Weber "to help you fight this disease." This and other contributions from IBEW friends and others, were sent in "Dee Dee's" name to the National CF Research Foundation, 2300 Westmoreland Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Thinking on the subject a few weeks later, Jim decided on a more direct course of action to strike back at the disease which had taken "Dee Dee" from him. Obviously the best way, he thought, would be to establish a clinic which could give special treatment to other little victims of the familial, or

Swedish Electrical Workers In Washington



Recently Brothers Gustav Jonsson and Sven Vennhult, top officers of the Swedish Electrical Workers, Stockholm, Sweden, visited the International Office. They presented International President Gordon M. Freeman with an official membership button and a desk standard bearing the emblem of their union. Mr. Jonsson and Mr. Vennhult have visited the cities of

Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Birmingham, Pittsburgh, Detroit, New York, Sheffield, Alabama and Milwaukee, as well as Washington, D. C., during their stay in the United States. During this period Sven Anderburg, a member of L. U. 26, Washington, D. C., has acted as interpreter. He appears in the picture, together with International President Freeman and L. U. 26 President Joseph Creager.

hereditary, disease and, at the same time, study its causes. But where could he get enough money? On a flight to Pittsburgh with International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan to make photographs for the JOURNAL, Jim talked of his plans. Convinced of the need for such a clinic, Secretary Keenan suggested that he make application to the William Green Memorial Fund Committee, of which Secretary Keenan is a member.

This committee, established by action of the 1954 American Federation of Labor Convention, established a fund which became about \$1,250,000 to use in charitable grants as memorials to the late William Green who served as president of the AFL from 1924 until his death in 1952. The fund, contributed on a per capita basis by the AFL affiliated international unions, has now been expended on various charitable purposes including the establishment of the CF clinic.

As soon as the clinic was assured, Dr. Robert Parrott, physi-

cian-in-charge of the hospital, appointed Dr. Joseph LoPresti as director of the William Green Children's Clinic as it is to be known. Both Dr. Parrott and Dr. LoPresti have great personal interests and knowledge of CF. Dr. LoPresti was one of the doctors who attended "Dee Dee" during her periods in the hospital and Dr. Parrott was greatly interested in research on CF and other metabolic diseases while he served at the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Maryland, in suburban Washington.

What is the future of the William Green Children's Clinic? Dr. Parrott and Jim Weber have estimated that the original grant will establish the clinic and possibly maintain it for a period of about two years. The exact demands on the clinic can only be established by experience. Weber is hoping that a finance committee can be established which will assure that the clinic can continue to minister

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CANCER LIFE-LINE

In factories, plants and offices across the nation, the line is busy. Through films, pamphlets, posters, exhibits and lectures, the life-line of cancer education is reaching more and more men and women in business and industry.

All of us are concerned with the major threat which cancer poses. Today, thousands of lives are being saved each year, but many more would be saved if people went to their doctors *in time*. This, and many other facts of life about cancer, are part of the education program which the American Cancer Society offers you in your plant or factory. For additional information, call the American Cancer Society office nearest you, or write to "Cancer" in care of your local Post Office.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Cruel Disease

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to the needs of the little victims of CF.

"CF is an especially terrible disease for the effect it has on the family of a wage earner parent," he declared. "The CF child, to be kept alive, must be maintained on daily prophylactic doses of antibiotics. This costs about \$40 a month. Then, when the child is taken seriously ill with a pulmonary disorder as they so often are, the cost will jump at once as high as \$90 a month. Most CF parents, working through clinics, state hospital dispensaries or simply an understanding druggist, get their drug needs at somewhat reduced prices, but the cost is still a staggering one if you happen to be an ordinary wage-earner."

Simple Tests

Doctors have urged that if your baby or young child has any suspicious symptoms such as frequent and foul stools, recurrent cough, failure to gain weight despite a ravenous appetite, protuberant belly, clubbed fingertips, or is very susceptible to colds and other respiratory infections, you should take the baby to a pediatrician, a clinic or a general practitioner familiar with children's diseases, including CF. There are now simple clinical tests to determine the existence of the malady and early treatment is the one best chance for survival of the patient. For additional information on CF you can write to the National CF Research Foundation, 2300 Westmoreland Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

120,000 Kilowatts

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with overhead transmission lines and nitrogen gas was pumped into the hollow core of the cable under pressure of 350 pounds per square inch. Purpose of the gas is to improve the dielectric strength of the insulation and to balance the internal pressure of the cable with

hydrostatic pressure exerted by the ocean above.

On September 25, 1956, the circuit was placed in operation. Volts of power—132,000 of them, instantly bridged the Mainland and Island under the sea. The history-making project was a complete success—a new milestone in the science of electrical engineering.

(We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation of Vice President John Raymond and International Representative J. N. Ross in securing the information and pictures for this story. We also appreciate the cooperation of the B. C. Electric Company in allowing us to use pamphlet material published by them in the preparation of this article.)

Newsletter

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L. U. 90, New Haven, Connecticut, has signed with their contractors for a 25-cent-per-hour increase in wages as of October 1, 1957 and another 25 cent increase October 1, 1958.

L. U. 477, San Bernardino, California, signed with the contractors for a 30 cents an hour increase. Scale is now \$3.90 per hour.

Often on the pages of your Newsletter and the JOURNAL we have urged our Local Unions to give their full support to COPE. In this regard we have gotten a wonderful response from L. U. 477, San Bernardino, California. It has organized a "Buck-of-the-Month" Club. The membership voted that each member pay \$1.00 to COPE. Under this program which has just started, L. U. 477 members have already sent \$1,046.00 to Washington.

Many other locals are also doing a good job in this respect. Recent letters from COPE headquarters in Washington inform us that Local 481, Indianapolis, Indiana, Local 307, Cumberland, Maryland, and Local 349, Miami, Florida, have all received Honor Awards for 100 percent participation.



"Mother for Maria"

CHRISTMAS STORY FOR CHILDREN

ALL of the children in the orphanage were very excited. It was Christmas Eve and the good sisters who took care of the children in the Holy Child Orphanage in a small village in Italy had told them, that if they were very good, Santa Claus would fill their stockings with candies and perhaps a little toy. Sister Angela said that kind American friends in the village were helping Santa Claus that year and had promised that no child would be forgotten—provided of course, that he was very, very good.

The children were wishing hard for many things. Little Nina who was 5 years old was hoping for a doll, a real doll. The one she had wasn't really a doll at all. It was only some folded pieces of cloth bound together with a string, and kind Sister Martha had drawn a face in ink and given her a bit of rag to use for a blanket around it. Roberto wanted a little wagon. He always helped Sister Matilda who did the cooking for all the children to carry groceries when she came home from the market. He thought a little wagon would be a fine thing to help him with his chores.

Isabella was hoping for a book, a book that was all her own to keep and read whenever she wanted to.

Oh yes, all the children were happy, hopeful little children on Christmas Eve. And little Michael was happiest of all. I'll tell you why.

Why Michael Was Happy

Sister Martha and the other sisters who looked after all the

poor little homeless children always taught them an important thing. They told them that if they prayed real hard that their prayers would be answered. And little Michael was sure that he prayed the hardest of all. He was asking for a very special gift for Christmas. Do you know what it was? It wasn't a bicycle or a train or a toy truck. No, Michael wanted a Mother for Christmas! He remembered his Mother very well for such a little boy. Before she went to heaven, she always used to tuck him into bed at night and sometimes if he had a bad dream, she would hold him in her arms and rock him until he fell asleep again.

Oh Michael wanted a Mother very badly. That's what he wanted for Christmas.

So on Christmas Eve when his big sister, Maria who was nine,

came to get him for supper, he was smiling very happily.

"Do you think she will come early tomorrow morning?" Michael asked Maria.

"Will who come early?" answered Maria.

"Why our new mother," said Michael.

"Oh Michael, we aren't going to have any new Mother," said Maria. "What makes you say that?"

"Why Maria, you told me and Sister Martha told me, and Sister Matilda told me, that if we prayed real hard and asked the little Christ Child to do something for us, He would do it. I have asked Him every night to send us a Mother. And I have been very good like you said He wants us to be so He will be sure to hear my prayer."

"Oh Little Michael," said his



"Do you think she will come early tomorrow?" Michael asked.

sister, and even though she was only a little girl herself, she knew she had to explain things to him so he wouldn't be disappointed and hurt. "You mustn't feel bad, Michael, but we aren't going to be adopted. People here are poor and they have many children of their own to look after. They couldn't take you, let alone both of us."

Michael looked at her very seri-



Maria helped prepare for Christmas.

ously. She thought he was going to cry and she put her small thin arms around him and held him close. "Don't cry, Michael. Please don't cry. You have me and I love you. Soon I'll be older and can take care of you as Mama used to do. And we should be very thankful that we have a place to live and food to eat. Many other little children in many countries are often cold and hungry."

Then to her surprise, Maria saw that Michael was smiling.

"A Mother will come," he said. "I asked the Christ Child. He will send us a Mother for Christmas."

Then it was little Maria who nearly cried. She loved her small Brother so and she didn't want him to be disappointed.

She washed his face and combed his dark curly hair and together they went down to supper.

It wasn't much of a supper, you little boys and girls who read this page may think. But to these little orphan children who often had gone hungry before they came to the Holy Child Home, it tasted mighty good. There was oatmeal and freshly-baked brown bread

and half a glass of milk for each child.

Right after supper, the children were willing, even anxious, to go to bed. Usually Sister Anna who had charge of getting them to bed had to speak quite sternly to them, but that night she didn't have to say a word.

All the little children hung up their stockings. Some hung them over the big fireplace in the kitchen. Some of them hung them from the shelf in the long room they slept in. There were just stockings everywhere because there were so many children.

Little Gregorio who was only four was very worried. His stocking had a hole in the toe and he was afraid that if Santa Claus left any goodies, they might fall out. Sister Anna told him not to worry, she would mend his stocking before Santa got there.

When it came to be Michael's turn to hang up his stocking, he said he'd better not. He said he asked the Christ Child for a Mother for Christmas and she wouldn't fit into a stocking.

Then all the children laughed at him but Sister Anna and Maria did not laugh. They were worried. They didn't think Michael's wish could come true and they loved the little boy so they didn't want him to be disappointed.

But Michael just smiled knowingly at them all. "The Christ Child will send me a Mother," he said, "because I asked Him to." Then he climbed into bed without hanging up his stocking.

Later that night when all the children were in bed, an American lady and gentleman were busy in their home in the village packing up toys and candy, fruit and cookies in big cartons to take over to the orphanage.

The gentleman, whose name was Mr. Thomas, said to his wife, "Golly, Mary, we certainly have a lot of stuff for those little tikes at the orphanage. It must have been a lot of work for you getting it all together."

"I liked doing it, John," said his wife. "I think Billy would have liked for us to do it. Oh John, I miss Billy so!"

You see, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas' own little boy had died and gone to heaven and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were often sad and lonely without him.

"Mary," said Mr. Thomas, gently placing his arm around his wife's shoulders, "why don't we adopt a little boy?"

"Oh no, John, I couldn't," his wife replied and a tear ran down her cheek. "No other child can ever take Billy's place."

Mr. Thomas just smiled sadly and went on packing the toys. When they had finished, they loaded everything into the car and started for the orphanage.

Sister Martha met them at the door and was she ever glad to see them! Together, she and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the other sisters began to fill the stockings and

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"Yes, Maria can come, too."

With the Ladies



The Very Best Christmas

LOOKING back through our lives I expect every one of us can recall to mind one particular Christmas that lives in our memory as "the very best Christmas." I hope your Christmas *this year* was your "very best Christmas." Now I thought it would be nice to discuss on our page this month what makes Christmas so wonderful—what makes certain Christmases stand out in our memory and to start working now toward next Christmas—and every Christmas from now on—so that each Christmas, every Christmas, will be "the very best Christmas."

What Is It?

First of all, what is Christmas? It's the celebration of the birthday of the Christ Child—the King of the World Who came into the world to show that world a better way of life—a way that emphasized love and truth.

So each Christmas, to be a real Christmas, should include something of the real spirit of what Christmas is and means. The Christ Child should not be forgotten in the hustle and bustle of Christmas buying and wrapping. Each home should have a little Nativity scene and the children should be told about it, about its meaning. The wonderful Bible story of the Birth of the Savior should be read every year.



In preparation for this article, I asked several of my friends to relate to me some events that stood out in their minds making past Christmases memorable.

One girl said, "The Christmas I remember best was a cold, snowy one. One Christmas Eve, my mother gathered we children all together around the fire. Then she lighted a candle—a Christmas candle to light the Christ Child" she said, and then she opened her Bible and read us the Christmas story. I never remember feeling so much peace and love and security before or since."

That is an experience you can give your family every year.

Christmas Means Giving

Now about giving, Christmas means giving. I asked my friends about favorite gifts they had received through the years—ones they remembered best.

One friend remembered a little doll, for which her mother had made clothes.

One remembered a miniature of her mother which a sister had had made for a surprise.

One girl remembered a little work-box which her grandmother had fixed for her, all fitted with a red tomato pin cushion, bits of lace and buttons and ribbons.

Still another friend recalled a little footstool for which a dear friend had made a needlepoint top.

Friends, who read this page, what stands out in the recital of these gifts? Were they particularly valuable? No. Were they especially unusual? No. What then, made them remembered? Each was a gift selected especially for the recipient. Some work and thought and effort went into each one. They were thoughtful gifts. Anyone can buy a gift for a friend or relative. It will be appreciated surely. But the special gift—the one that you know was picked just for you, or made just for you, with care and love—that is **THE** gift—the gift remembered and loved.

Start Now For Next Year

With that in mind, we can work next year and every year toward selecting gifts for our friends that show we thought of them especially and picked their gifts with thought and care. The items snatched up on a bargain table seldom lend themselves to the pleasure of being cherished and remembered. The little Chinese jewel box sought out diligently in the antique shop of your town, by the friend who knows how much you like Chinese items—that is a gift sure to be appreciated and loved.

And while we're speaking of giving—no Christmas giving is ever complete, no matter how much money is spent, how many relatives and friends are remembered, if some unfortunate person who has no one to remember him, is not thought of.

Save For the Poor

There are many people in my acquaintance who put aside a coin every week, as regularly as they keep up their Christmas Savings accounts, toward helping some poor person at Christmas. It is simply amazing how many little children, how many old folks, would be forgotten at Christmas time, if it were not for all these "Brothers' Keepers" who come forward at Christmas time and help.

Each of us should do what we can and put some heart into it. Just send-



ing a check isn't enough. We must give a little part of ourselves as well. The forgotten old lady we visit, bringing homemade goodies and a warm sweater or other carefully selected gift, will bring the real meaning of Christmas giving into our lives.

Now what else makes Christmas memorable? Why the decorations and the parties.

In my private little survey—asking my friends to tell me about the “best” Christmas they ever had, many say they cannot pick a THE best one, but in the course of the conversation, they often recalled some special decoration or some particular Christmas entertainment that brought back fond memories.

Doing Things Together

One friend remarked, “I remember one Christmas tree we had. We went out in the woods ourselves and brought it in. I'll never smell the scent of pine again without thinking of that happy Christmas.”

Another made this comment: “I remember one year when we all made a Della Robbia Christmas wreath for our front door. Mother engineered the job but all of us helped. We thought it was a masterpiece—I'll never forget it.”



Family memories of things done together for Christmas—to make Christmas merry—remain in the memory. Friend Readers, keep that in mind.

Now the parties! Every family should do some Christmas entertaining and should have special holiday dishes that become associated with Christmas—that become a Christmas tradition.

I shall remember all my life the party friends of mine always used to have on Christmas morning after the Midnight Mass. There was always a special punch and always ham baked a special way and little hot biscuits. It was a traditional affair looked forward to and remembered all through the year.

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Recipes with a Flair

For your holiday entertaining and all through the New Year, here are festive recipes which we are sure your family or company would enjoy as dessert after a meal or as evening refreshments served with coffee.

Holiday Pineapple Pie

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| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar | Dash of cinnamon |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cornstarch | 1 No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ can apricots, drained |
| 2 cups syrup from fruit | 1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple, drained |
| 2 tbs. lemon juice | Unbaked pastry for 9-in. lattice pie |
| | Green and red maraschino cherries for garnish |

Gradually add fruit syrup to sugar and cornstarch. Cook until thick; add lemon juice, cinnamon, and fruit. Cool, then fill cherry-decorated pie shell. Bake in 450° F. oven for 30 min.

Walnut Pumpkin Cake

- 1 pkg. spice cake mix
- 1 tsp. soda
- Canned pumpkin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped walnuts

Add soda to cake mix. Substitute pumpkin for liquid called for on package in same amount; combine with the $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water. Mix cake as package directs, using a little over half the pumpkin-water mixture for first addition of liquid. Add walnuts last. Bake as package directs. Fill layers and frost top with whipped cream, sprinkling more chopped walnuts between layers. Decorate with walnut halves.

Lemon Cream Cheese Tarts

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| 3 eggs | $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. pkg. Cream Cheese |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar | 6 4-inch baked tart shells |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lemon juice | Red currant jelly |
| 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind | |

Beat the eggs in the top of a double boiler until thick and fluffy. Continue beating while gradually adding the sugar, lemon juice, and lemon rind. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until the custard is thick and smooth. Cool.

Softened the cream cheese at room temperature and gradually blend the custard into it. Fill the tart shells with this mixture and top with red currant jelly.

Unbaked Fruit Cake

Line bottom and sides of 5-cup loaf or tube pan with waxed paper. Put into a bowl and let stand until needed:

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| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Evaporated Milk | 3 tbsps. orange juice or alcoholic flavoring |
| 16 marshmallows, finely cut | |
| Put into a large bowl: | |
| 4 doz. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " graham crackers, rolled into fine crumbs | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dates, finely cut |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup walnuts, broken |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. nutmeg | $\frac{1}{3}$ cup candied pineapple, finely cut |
| $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. cloves | $\frac{1}{3}$ cup candied cherries, finely cut |
| 1 cup seedless raisins, preferably $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dark and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup light | 2 tbsps. candied orange peel, finely cut |

Add milk mixture. Mix with spoon, then with hands till crumbs are moistened. Press firmly into pan. Top with fruit and nuts. Cover tightly. Chill 2 days before slicing. Keep in cool place. Makes one 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -pound fruit cake.

Mother For Maria

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place the packages for the children, thinking that they could help Santa Claus that way. Sister Martha remembered the things the children wanted most. At the top of Nina's stocking was a beautiful little doll with a pink dress. Roberto got a grand little red wagon and for Isabella there was a beautiful book of fairy tales.

Gregorio's mended stocking contained lots of candy and the toy he wanted most, which was a little green dump truck.

When they had nearly finished, they heard a sound—little feet coming down the stairs.

Looking up, Mrs. Thomas saw him first—a little boy on the stairs. Her heart stood still. "Billy!" she cried.

Startled, her husband jumped up and rushed to her side.

By that time, the little boy—it was little dark, curly-haired Michael—was already down the stairs. In his hand he was clutching his own little worn stocking. "Sister Martha," he asked, "do you think maybe Santa Claus might give me some candy in my stocking, and my Mother too?"

"Well darling," Sister Martha replied, "I'm sure Santa has a gift for you."

By this time Mrs. Thomas realized that this little boy was not her little lost son, but she was trembling as she said to her husband, "Oh John, how could I have made such a mistake. This little boy doesn't look anything like our little golden-haired Billy and yet I could have sworn it was Billy coming down the stairs."

"Darling," her husband said, "it was just an illusion." Illusion is the word grown people use when they imagine they see things. Children call it make believe.

Then Mrs. Thomas turned to Michael and said:

"What did you mean, honey, about could you have your stocking filled and your Mother too?"

Quickly, Sister Martha explained everything to Mrs. Thomas—how Michael had prayed for a Mother

for Christmas and how he didn't hang up his stocking because a Mother was too big to go in it.

Michael turned and looked at Mrs. Thomas . . . He smiled his sweet little smile and said.

"Are you my Christmas Mother come to get me?"

Mrs. Thomas looked at him for a long moment, standing there in his ragged nightgown. Then slowly she held out her arms to Michael.

"Yes, darling I am," she said. In a moment Michael had run to her arms and she was hugging him and laughing and crying all at the same time. And Michael hugged her back. "See," he said to Sister Martha, "I knew she would come. I knew the Christ Child would send her."

"Mother," he said stroking Mrs. Thomas' face and Mrs. Thomas cried all the harder, not because she was sorry but because she was so glad. And turning to her husband, Mrs. Thomas said,

"And Michael, this is your Daddy. The Christ Child sent him too." And Michael went over to Mr. Thomas and held out his hand to shake hands as his sister Maria had taught him to do. But Mr. Thomas picked him up in his strong arms and just hugged him tight. And don't you know, I believe a tear trickled down his cheek but it was a happy tear too.

"Sister Martha, may we take him now?" asked Mrs. Thomas.

And smiling, Sister Martha, who knew she had witnessed a real miracle and had seen a little child's faith rewarded, said,

"Yes, I'll get his things ready."

Then Michael piped up, saying, "There isn't much to get except Maria."

"Maria, darling?" asked his new mother. "Is that a pet?"

"Oh no, Mother," replied little Michael. "Maria is my sister. She wants a mother too. Maria is good and she looks after me. I couldn't go with you unless Maria came too."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas looked at each other. Then almost together they said "Maria can come too."

"Yes," said Mr. Thomas. "That big old house has been empty so long there's lots of room for two little children, our little children."

Well, I can tell you, it was a happy Christmas for everybody. Michael and Maria were so happy with their new father and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were so happy with their new little boy and girl.

And the sisters and all the children at the orphanage were happy too and pleased that a little boy's fondest wish had come true, that the Christ Child had made it come true.

With the Ladies

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Special Party

Remembering Christmases recalled to one friend's mind, a special pre-Christmas party Swedish friends of hers always used to have. They would invite a number of special friends to their "Cookie Bake." All the favorite Swedish recipes came out of the recipe boxes and books, all joined in making dozens upon dozens of delicious Swedish cookies. Then all divided the fruits of the labors. They often sang traditional carols as they worked and enjoyed the hot coffee and sandwiches provided in addition to the many cookies, both broken and whole, that "had to be tasted."

Yes, parties are an important part of Christmas—getting together with friends, enjoying traditional Christmas fare.

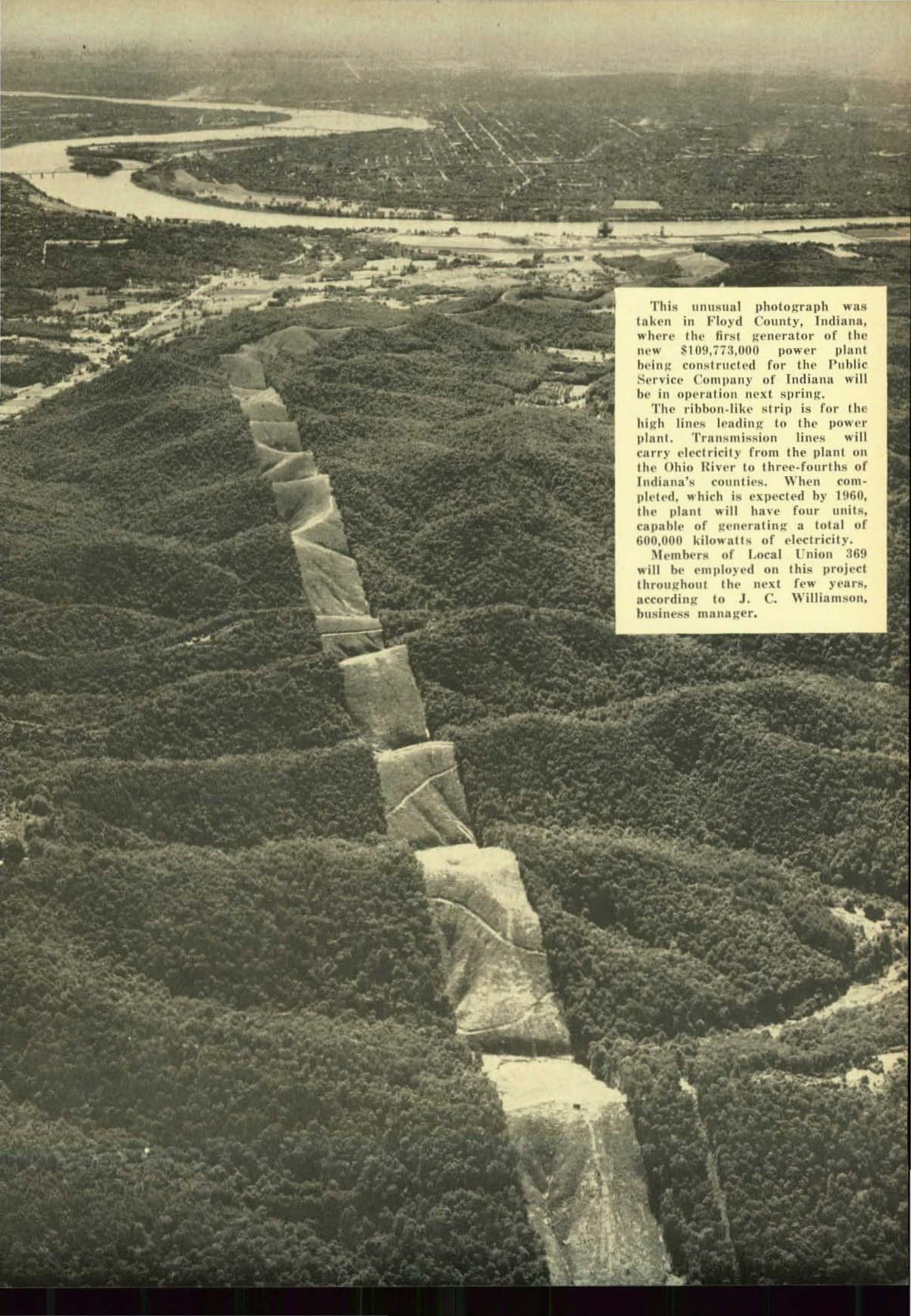
Why not start now to plan for next year—for the party or supper you

will give. Develop in your own repertoire of cooking prowess, a dish or two which you can cook to perfection and which can become traditional fare to your family and friends.

To have the "best" Christmas next year and all through the coming years, plan now. Schedule your buying, your gift wrapping, your preparations so that when Christmas comes, you won't be too tired and cross to enjoy it. Remember that love and friendship and the spirit of Christ are what make each Christmas—every Christmas—a "best" Christmas. Don't miss a one of them.

Well, dear friends, that's all for this month and this year. It has been a pleasure to do your page and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours, a happy, wonderful "best" New Year ever.

See you next year!



This unusual photograph was taken in Floyd County, Indiana, where the first generator of the new \$109,773,000 power plant being constructed for the Public Service Company of Indiana will be in operation next spring.

The ribbon-like strip is for the high lines leading to the power plant. Transmission lines will carry electricity from the plant on the Ohio River to three-fourths of Indiana's counties. When completed, which is expected by 1960, the plant will have four units, capable of generating a total of 600,000 kilowatts of electricity.

Members of Local Union 369 will be employed on this project throughout the next few years, according to J. C. Williamson, business manager.



Department of RESEARCH and EDUCATION

AUTOMATION is a word which is heard more and more often as its application is increased. It is often used interchangeably with the term technological change although this is not exactly correct. While automation is a form of technological change, it has features which distinguish it from other forms. To use a limited definition of automation, we might say that an automated process is one which is controlled in such a way that deviations are corrected without interrupting the process. In a more general sense, automation is used to include production lines where mechanization has been extended to the point that production is almost automatic with little or no handling of materials. Another aspect is the increased use of electronic computer data processing. Some of these computers are used to the extent where they even include such functions as planning, which is usually considered a basic job of management.

While automation is basically a form of technological change, it will bring with it problems and advantages which are new to our industrial society. In the long run, the potential effect should be of great advantage to working men and women. If automation is used wisely, it will result in more leisure time. As productivity per man hour increases, shorter hours should go hand in hand.

Safer working conditions should result from automation. Physical strain and fatigue will be greatly reduced. Automatic safety devices will become more and more effective. Exposure to dangers or poisonous materials,

as well as dust and dirt, can be eliminated or greatly reduced by remote handling by machine. This has proved to be the case in many plants which have been highly automated. Even in the field of safety, however, automation has its own problems. There is a danger of accidents resulting from the transitional period when people are getting used to new types of equipment and machinery. And where physical strain is eliminated, it may often be replaced by mental and visual strain, attendant on tending control panels and performing monotonous work.

There are probably new risks involved in maintaining and repairing this new type of machinery especially when the process must not be interrupted.

With automation goes the need for solving new problems in social security. Displaced workers, older workers and workers forced to move from one place to another must be protected. The adequacy of these benefits must be geared to the increased productivity and higher standard of living.

Both labor and management must make certain changes to
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COST OF LIVING REMAINS AT ALL-TIME PEAK

CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX—U. S. AVERAGE

Source: U. S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
(Average, 1947-1949 = 100)

Date		All	Food	Apparel	Housing	
Month	Year	Items Combined			Total	Rent Only
October	1949	101.5	99.3	97.6	103.5	106.1
October	1950	105.0	104.3	100.9	108.1	109.8
October	1951	112.1	113.5	109.2	113.2	114.8
October	1952	114.2	115.0	105.6	115.2	118.8
October	1953	115.4	113.6	105.5	118.7	126.8
October	1954	114.5	111.8	104.6	119.5	129.0
October	1955	114.9	110.8	104.6	120.8	130.8
October	1956	117.7	113.1	106.8	122.8	133.4
November	1956	117.8	112.9	107.0	123.0	133.8
December	1956	118.0	112.9	107.0	123.5	134.2
January	1957	118.2	112.8	106.4	123.8	134.2
February	1957	118.7	113.6	106.1	124.5	134.2
March	1957	118.9	113.2	106.8	124.9	134.4
April	1957	119.3	113.8	106.5	125.2	134.5
May	1957	119.6	114.6	106.5	125.3	134.7
June	1957	120.2	116.2	106.6	125.5	135.0
July	1957	120.8	117.4	106.5	125.5	135.2
August	1957	121.0	117.9	106.6	125.7	135.4
September	1957	121.1	117.0	107.3	126.3	135.7
October	1957	121.1	116.4	107.7	126.6	136.0

NOTE: Increase in "All Items for past 12 months was 3.4 Index points, or 2.9%.

Jurisdictional Claim To Fluorescent Supports

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—One of the biggest problems any business manager in the Brotherhood and his assistants have to overcome is the question of jurisdiction. As such, jurisdictional disputes have always been an issue, but in recent years—since the electrical trade has expanded so greatly and new electrical devices and machinery have come under our jurisdiction—other trades have made great efforts to lay claim

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to all or part of these gains made by the electrical trade.

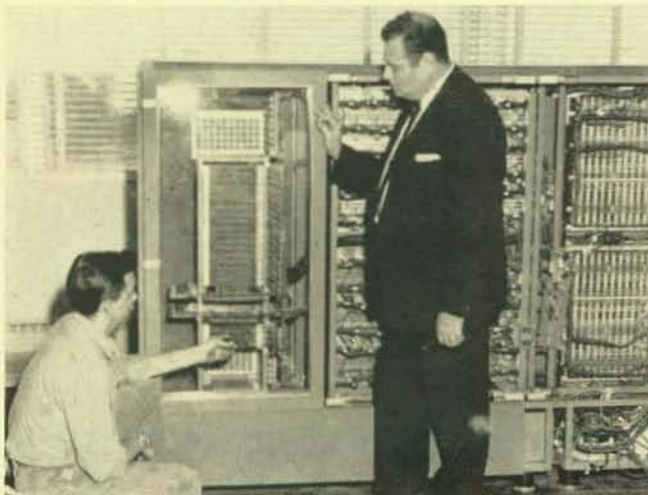
Last week the Lathers laid claim

to the setting of the supporting frame for flush-mounted trough light fluorescent fixtures. For all the years

Spotlight on St. Louis Area



The installation of flush type fluorescent fixtures in their entirety belong to the Electrical Workers. This view at left shows several stages of installation of this type of fixture. The section being worked on by a member of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., is a metal frame which is a part of the fixture. It is made by the fixture manufacturer and is a part of the supporting members of this type of fixture. To the right is a finished fixture showing how the fixture is supported in the metal frame. Other trades have been contending for the setting of these supporting frames. Local 1 member Albert Cook, receiving the award for bravery given by the Liberty Mutual of Boston at right. This award is given only for outstanding bravery and only the second ever awarded in greater St. Louis. To the left is the shop steward of the Frank Adam Company shop, and to the right is Frank Adam, president of the Frank Adam Electric Manufacturing Company, making the award in behalf of the Liberty Mutual Company of Boston. Several trades have made serious efforts to secure the moving and the setting of all heavy machinery regardless of the nature of that equipment. Recently the business manager of Local 1 successfully fought off these efforts and electrical workers are now in the process of moving all of I.B.M. electric brain machines of the Monsanto Chemical Co. from their old location to their new. Here at left, below, a few of the electric brain machines used by this company being moved and set by members of Local 1. Right, below: This is type of I.B.M. machines being moved and set and power connected by members of Local 1. The job steward and Business Representative Edward Griesemer look it over.



that this type fixture has been in use in St. Louis and mounted in a suspended metal lath ceiling, this equipment has been installed completely by members of Local No. 1. No one trade has seriously contended for this work until recently, when the Lathers decided the setting of these fixture-mounting troughs was part of the ceiling and so demanded this for their trade. At a hearing before the Board of Jurisdiction Awards, it was awarded to the Electrical Workers, but the lathers refused to accept this ruling and left the job.

This item is strictly electrical work and definitely belongs to the I.B.E.W.

Local No. 1 members are instructed to report all fluorescent fixture jobs requiring metal frames inserted into metal lath to the business manager's office.

Recently a controversy arose between Local No. 1 and several other trades about the moving and setting of I.B.M. electronic calculating machines, which includes the "electrical brain" machine. Local No. 1 contends that since this machine is electrical it is a definite part of the Electrical Workers' jurisdiction.

Local No. 1 is now in process of moving a large number of these machines from the old office building of the Monsanto Chemical Company, located in downtown St. Louis, to their new, modern building in the suburbs. Local No. 1 members are handling this equipment in its entirety, thus adding many man hours

of labor for these members. Monsanto's new building was constructed with 100 percent union labor.

Now we would like to tell all JOURNAL readers the story of the daring and the bravery of one of our members.

It was the hot murky afternoon of August 4th when Local Union No. 1 member Albert Cook with his wife and three small children were on their way home from a vacation of fishing down in the Ozarks near Salem, Missouri.

Brother Cook was driving east on Highway 66 near Times Beach about 2:30 p.m. when a car passed him at a very high rate of speed. Cook was commenting about the car and its driver when about 100 yards ahead the speeding car crashed into the rear of another car also driving east on Highway 66.

The speeding car then ran down a 30-foot embankment, turned over and then caught on fire. Cook stopped at the scene of the accident, saw that the occupants of the car, a woman who was the driver of the car, her husband who was able to walk only with the aid of crutches, and their 10-year-old boy were unconscious and trapped in the burning car.

The car, equipped with air conditioner, had the windows closed and all doors locked. By this time the car was burning fiercely. Cook looked for something with which to break open the door. Finding nothing he proceeded to break the the glass with his fists, and pull the stricken occupants

of the car to safety. Cook stayed on the scene until the ambulance arrived and then checked in to a hospital himself to have his own severe cuts attended.

On October 10th the Liberty Mutual of Boston presented Cook with their hero's reward.

The Frank Adam Company was designated to make the award of the Liberty Mutual Life Savers Medal for bravery in saving a life.

Only 166 of these awards have been made in the last 37 years, and this is only the second ever awarded in greater St. Louis.

Local No. 1 is proud to have such a hero within its ranks. Albert Cook is a "BA" member employed by the Frank Adam Company. He is 35 years old and resides at 2234 Madison St., in St. Louis.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P.S.

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Changes in Local 3's Official Family

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—In recent weeks there have been some changes in the official family of Local 3.

Armand D'Angelo is now Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, having served the people of New York City for many months as the Deputy Commissioner.

Executive Board Member Robert Reade has been elected to replace

Clambake Meets Enthusiastic Reception



Local 7 Officers and visiting dignitaries who attended the Annual Clambake in Springfield, Mass. Left to right at left: Business Agent W. Wylie, Local 7; President A. Illig, Local 7; G. O'Brien, Local 710; W. McGarrett, Local 103; International Vice President J. Regan; T. Kearney, Local 99; International Representative B. Saunders, and T. Rodgers, Local 225. Clambake Committeemen and Officers who will testify to the success of the 1957 Clambake. Left to right at center: Business Agent and Bake Committeeman W. Wylie; President A. Illig; Committeeman R. McCarron; Vice President and Committeeman T. Dignan; Examining Board Member W. Egan; Committeeman B. Popp. Front row: Health and Welfare Consultant E. Clark, and Committeeman J. McCarthy. At right are another group at the clambake. Left to right: Business Agent W. Wylie; F. Russell; J. J. Connors; W. Sullivan; W. V. Povlin, and H. Hilse.



Pension Members at the Clambake, left, Left to right: W. Wilson; A. Arsenault, and E. McCarthy. As usual, there was plenty to eat and drink at the annual affair, center. The annual clambake softball game, right, is always a highlight of everyone's day.

Retiring from Los Angeles Posts



Members of Local 18, Los Angeles, Calif., gather together to say farewell to Brothers Clarence Cox and Ralph Smith on the occasion of their retirement from the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles.

Armand as the recording secretary of the union. Executive Board Member Ralph Lombardi has resigned, to further pursue his duties as business representative.

Anthony Loria, chairman of the Fixture Division, and Examining Board Member James Baker are new members of the Executive Board.

William Gregory was elected to fill the vacancy on the Examining Board.

With deep regret and sorrow, we report the death of Howard McSpedon, a member of Local 3 for 40 years (15 as a Business Representative) and President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of New York since 1944.

A new agreement has been signed in the E Switchboard division effective October 1, 1957 and expiring September 30, 1959, covering 11 companies and 900 members. This division was organized in 1934.

It provides for; a 15 cents per hour general increase October 1, 1957 and an additional 15 cents per hour October 1, 1958, 2 1/4 % Social Security tax to be paid permanently by the employer, \$2.00 per day annuity plan to continue (payments by employer for each employee), vacation pay for members who retire and beneficiaries of deceased members.

The 1957 rate for a journeyman is \$2.86 per hour. The 1957 average rate including vacation, holidays, pension and Social Security is \$3.12 per hour, based on a 35-hour week.

At the September regular membership meeting Business Representative James O'Hara reported on his recent two-month study tour of Europe and North Africa where he attended the World Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Tunis.

At the November meeting, our Vice President George Schuck reported on his European study tour. He visited 12 countries, traveling as far as



E. P. Taylor, Business Manager of Local 18, presents twenty-five year pins to Brothers Cox and Smith. Looking on from left to right are Brothers Herb Kinch, General Superintendent; John Singlaub, Superintendent of Overhead District No. 6, and Doug Lowther, Assistant General Superintendent.

Turkey. He conferred with labor leaders and government officials regarding social and economic conditions, and visited some Norwegian and Danish workers in their homes.

At this writing, 520 members of the union have completed the one week course of study on "How to Think" at Bayberry Land.

THOMAS P. VANARSDALE, P. S.

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180 Members, Guests At Springfield Clambake

L. U. 7, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—This year the members of Local 7 have responded very generously to the call for blood by the Springfield Blood Bank. The following members contributed during the month of July: Louis Arborio, John Bradley, Harold Busha, James Clelland, Raymond Gelinas, Joseph Tourville. These members gave a little of their time and some of their blood that

they will not miss, and in so doing have given another person the greatest of all—the gift of life itself.

As we have done for many years in the past, Local 7, held its annual Clambake in August at Turner Park. This year the members agreed that Saturday was a better day to hold the Clambake than on a Sunday. On August 24th, about 180 members and guests turned out for a day of sports, eating, and socializing.

As usual the softball game proved to be a big drawing card for the younger set and a few old timers as well. Perhaps there were not many spectacular hits and runs, but the hooting, hollering, shouting, and razzing was nothing to be sneezed at.

The clambake committee composed of Thomas Dignan, Jeremiah McCarthy, Bernard Popp, Robert McCarron, and Business Agent "Bill" Wylie, made sure there were plenty of door prizes.

Steak or lobster was the main course. Members had their choice,

Silver Anniversary of Local 25



Above are some of the distinguished guests and officers in attendance at Local 25's Silver Jubilee party in Long Island, N. Y. First row: Jere Sullivan, International Treasurer; Joseph D. Keenan, International Secretary; Louis P. Marciante, International Executive Council member; Joseph W. Liggett, International Vice President, 3rd District. Second row: International Representative John P. Daly; International Representative Mal Harris; International Executive Council Member Charles J. Fohn; Local 25 Business Manager Joseph C. Gramer; the Reverend Father who said the benediction; Local 25 President Herbert L'Hommmedieu; Int'l Representative Al Terry, and Richard Mottola.



At left, a group of officers and guests pose with some of the ladies in attendance. In addition to those named in the previous group photo, Council Member Carl Scholtz, Pat Damiani and Bill Sorenson appear in this picture. Secretary Keenan extends the International's congratulations to the local, at right.



which proved highly successful, and undoubtedly, will be continued in the future. All in all, the committee deserves a vote of thanks.

Work in this area has slowed down and some of the members are going out of town to work, whereas only a few months ago, out-of-town men

were working in Springfield. Many of the members are eagerly awaiting the "go ahead" signal for the Northwestern Massachusetts Atomic powered generating plant which will start as soon as the Atomic Energy Commission gives the green light.

IRVING WEINER, P.S.

Fall Dance, Christmas Party Highlight Season

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—A fall dance will be held November 23, at Ashland Hall for all members and their wives. Then again a Christmas

As Local 25 Celebrates



Left: International Secretary Keenan, I.E.C. Member Marcianti, International Vice President Liggett, and I.E.C. Member Foehn and Business Manager Gramer obviously enjoyed the evening together at Local 25's anniversary party. Above: Secretary Keenan congratulates Business Manager Gramer.

party will be held for the children at the Shoreland Theatre in Point Place and Kids we hope you have a good time.

The work picture here is very good and the Monroe Atomic job is starting to shape up. The Bay Shore addition to the Toledo Edison Power House is ready to go now that steel is coming in. Standard Oil Refinery is going well with 90 men on the job.

Wishing every one a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

TOMMY MAHER, R.S.

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1200 Attend Local 26 Dinner-Dance in D. C.

L. U. 26, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bringing into the proper perspective the recent dance of Local Union 26, it was augmented by a most delicious dinner of ever-present Maryland turkey in copious portions and prepared to a gourmet's satisfaction. Feeding 1200 people who had saved their appetite until this particular night, took the combined efforts of the Maitre'd and his staff of the famed Sheraton Park Hotel and somewhat strained the orderly efficiency of the hotel. Doors opened at 7:15 P.M. and from then on a continual surge of humanity poured down the semi-circular stairway into the massive dining hall. Were all these people Electricians? Are these the men who erect buildings, contribute to the public welfare, wear work clothes and overalls? The transition is complete when one realizes that all this happened at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, home of many foreign dignitaries and

of our own senators and congressmen. Plenty of room for everyone? Incredible! Accustomed to getting there early, finding a table and saving seats for friends, is an old Spanish custom. But, tonight? None of all that. Room for everybody!

The magic hour of eight o'clock brought guests of honor from the I.B.E.W. to our feast. President and Mrs. Gordon Freeman led the procession, Vice President Blankenship following with Lou Sherman, of the legal department, and his charming lady. Paul Menger, International Representative and Director of Manufacturing Operations of the I.O., Brother Jack Pierce, business manager from Wilmington, Delaware took a table reserved for them.

Chairman of the Dance Committee Ed. McDonough along with Clem Preller, genial business manager for Local Union 26 took charge of the mike and asked Mrs. Gordon Freeman, to pull out of a bag, the number of the ticketholder for the \$100 Savings Bond prize of the evening. That gracious lady complied with alacrity and lo and behold the winner was Mrs. Wade Sheriff.

Retired members and old timers were called to the front of the hall at this time and had their pictures taken with Mr. Freeman. Looking back down the years we see all these men who have made the way so easy for the younger men, prepared the way, so to speak, for those who will come after us in years to come. These men worked HARD to get conditions to where they are today, and they deserve all the praise and thanks from all of us for the groundwork for a great organiza-

tion, our labor union. Heading the list of retired Brothers was "Squire" Cal Lowry who left his plantation at Colonial Beach and took Mrs. Lowry to the ball. Looking well, he had a cheery word for everyone. Then there was Dan Roadhouse, Sr., Ted Trimmer, Maggie Robinson, Howard Austin, Ted Mullican and Jim McQueen. Of course, one cannot forget John Poetzmann, Sr. who was seen doing the latest dances as long as there was any music.

Seated at the tables around the dancing area, were visitors from neighboring cities. Representing Baltimore were Business Manager Carl King, and John Cortes, president of Local Union 28 accompanied by his charming daughter as well as George Freund, Lou Polley, Bill Vail and Jack Richards. There too, were Joe McIntosh and Bill Greenway from Stone and Webster. The great state of Virginia was not to be outdone and had as its representatives, Mr. Gene Welsh, president of the Central Labor Union for Virginia. Also among the Virginia group was Thelma Dawson, who is associated with the women's group of COPE in Virginia and secretary to Gene Welsh. Philadelphia had its fine group of representatives with Business Manager Bill Middleton sponsoring his financial secretary, Jim Rogan, Mrs. Rogan and the treasurer of Local Union 98, Walter Oswald. Not overlooking our own officers of Local Union 26, President Joseph Creager, Veep Ed McDonough. Recording Secretary Bob McAlwee and Malcom Cox, treasurer were prominent as well as the Executive Board with President Wilbur Smith, Tom Noon, Ed. Gray and Don Kirchner

moving about in their assigned duties as hosts for this glamorous affair.

Some of the highlights of our dance: Earl Leister had table space in the balcony high above all the noise and shunning the light of publicity. Don Kirchner and Bob McAlwee keeping Cliff Proctor busy with his camera at various times. Renew-

ing friendships were Artie Campli and his wife, Marie, Buck Cumberland escorting Mrs. Cumberland to the dance floor many times. Proctor there among the tables again flashing his bulbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Webster out there at all times in the middle of the floor proving that all those prizes they won in Philadelphia were well earned,

Ray Dimmick dancing around, Ray Harder dignified as usual discussing the world problems with Jack Harvey, Proctor flashing his bulbs. John Minette making trips North and South, Francis McMahon leisurely taking in the surroundings and Mrs. Wayne Knight, as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary making great efforts to have as many people at their dance next month, as possible.

Noticeably absent was our Financial Secretary, Connie Curtin. Having been sick himself, last Summer, he had to play nursemaid to his family all of whom were laid low with the various maladies of Asiatic flu. One wag pointed out from very close observation, that the apprentice class of 1975 is very well established. The Vorce twins were especially noticeable by their very much look alike and in order not to be too confusing, one wore a white coat and the other wore a black coat. George Lukehardt enjoying the music, Elmer Hochmann too, and Cliff Hope out there doing the best he can. All in all it was a very delightful party and everyone left with a better feeling toward their fellowmen. The captions under the pictures tell who is who and our thanks to Brother Cliff Proctor and to Jim Weber of Ransdell.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL, P.S.

At Local 26 Dinner-Dance



At one point in the festivities accompanying the gala dinner-dance given by Local 26, Washington, D.C., recently, International President Gordon Freeman posed with a group of the local's honored pension members.



Two of the many tables served included, at left: Mrs. Jim Rogan; Jim Rogan; Bill Middleton; Walter Oswald of Local 98, Philadelphia, Pa., and Local 26 Press Secretary Francis O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill. Right: Executive Board members of Local 26, Malcolm Cox, Bob McAlwee, Don Kirchner, Ed Gray and their wives.



This table seen at left included some of the honored guests at Local 26's party. They are, from left: IBEW General Counsel and Mrs. Lou Sherman; International Representative Paul Menger; Vice President of the Fourth District H. B. Blankenship; Business Manager Jack Pierce of Local 313, Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Pierce; Joe McIntosh, former International representative of the Fourth District and Mrs. McIntosh, and President and Mrs. Freeman. Local 26 Business Manager Clem Preller presents the \$100 Door Prize to winner, Mrs. Wade Sheriff, in photo at right, while Mrs. Freeman smiles her congratulations.

Gala Event for Pensioners



Local 28 of Baltimore, Md., presents a montage showing highlights of the recent dinner dance and show held at the Hotel Sheraton Belvedere to honor their pensioners.

22 Pension Members At Baltimore Meeting

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—We were honored at our last regular meeting by our special guests, 22 of our pension members. They were introduced by Brother Carl M. King, our business manager. Arrangements were made by the officers and some of our Brother members to provide transportation to and from the meeting for all the pension members desiring same.

The guest speaker of the evening was Pension Member Brother Edward Bieretz, who is past business manager of Local 28 and also assistant to numerous International Presidents. When Brother Bieretz was asked to speak at the meeting he asked, "What shall I talk about?" Brother King, knowing Ed, answered; "Talk about one minute". He delivered a brief but most interesting and constructive speech though it did run a little over a minute.



Brother Louis Becker, captain, shows off Local 28's softball team trophy.

The following night, Saturday, October 5th, the pension members and their wives were entertained at a Dinner Dance and Show held at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel. Also present were the officers and their wives. All enjoyed themselves and each lady

received a lovely orchid corsage. The affair was more than appreciated by every pension member. They are very enthusiastic in the hope that it may become an annual affair.

To Brother Carl M. King the pension members extend their thanks for giving them such recognition. They are deeply appreciative for both evenings. This is the first acknowledgment given them of this kind in all their years in the local, which ranges from 35 to 57 years.

At the last meeting Brother Louis Becker, captain of the Soft Ball Team showed the trophy which was won by the team as noted in an earlier issue of the JOURNAL.

Brother William Bursick, chairman of the Baltimore Federation of Labor Safety Committee has been named to act as chairman of the Labor Session at the Governor's Safety and Health Conference.

May I take this opportunity to extend the greetings of the season to all.

PETE HAMILL, P.S.

Banquet, Trophies for Golf League Winners

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Electrical Workers' Golf League ended its first season September 14 with a tournament at Tuscarora Country Club and with a banquet following at James Restaurant where trophies were awarded. The team taking first honors for the season is Team 2, whose proud members include Ralph Walsh, Ken Bailey, Ed Fleischman and Scotty Henderson. They were awarded the league trophy, a plaque which is now on display in our local union office. Other prizes were awarded outstanding golfers on Tournament Day. Also, each of the golfers present was presented with a trophy to signify that they are charter members of the League.

Guests present at the banquet included the Business Manager of Local 1249, Edward Peck, whose members make up a good share of our league, along with our own Business Manager Bill Butler, Press Secretary Jim McKay and Neal Dawson who was a great help in getting the ball rolling at Tuscarora on Tournament Day.

League officers elected for the following season were Ed Klee, President, Jack Barry Vice President, and Don Burns as Secretary-Treasurer. Rules committee is made up of Jack McCarthy, Bob Keating and Ed Fleischman. The Entertainment Committee consists of Joe Thompson, Jack Barry and Ken Bailey.

Incidentally we had the honor of celebrating Business Manager Bill Butler's birthday by enjoying part of the birthday cake the members of the

league presented to him at the banquet, along with the customary "Happy Birthday" song.

We announce the death of our friend and Brother, Bob Kavanagh after a long illness. He was best known to the members of Local 43 as their long time financial secretary, an office that he always faithfully performed. He also held other offices in the activities of the local union and was at one time one of the Electrical Inspectors for the City of Syracuse. Among the bearers at his funeral were Business Manager Bill Butler and the following men who had worked under his supervision as foreman at Crouse Hinds, ie., George Caporin, John McQuillan, James Marshall Fox and Harry Reback. We will miss Bob Kavanagh with his dry type humor.

There is no use trying to report sickness as everybody and his brother is coming down with the Asiatic Flu.

JAMES N. MCKAY, P.S.

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237 Apprentices of Detroit Area Graduate

L. U. 58, DETROIT, MICH.—A gala apprentice banquet was held for a group of 237 graduating apprentices who were given a send off into their electrical future October 5, 1957 at the Eighth Electrical Apprentice Testimonial Banquet held in Detroit.

The evening started with a cocktail hour then dinner, after which the Graduates from the classes of 1954-1955-1956 and 1957 were honored with a sparkling talk from Oliver F. Burnett, Jr., President of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Mr. Burnett who is head of a Chicago electrical contracting business, brought out the point that the graduates were still apprentices with journeymen's cards and that actually a good tradesman never ceases to learn about his trade.

Brother Daniel J. Diamond, Business Manager of Local 58, acted as toastmaster for the evening and introduced Brother Charles E. Engel, Principal of the Detroit Apprentice Training School. Brother Engel then presented a Completion Certificate to Lewis E. Stoner in behalf of all the graduates present. Brother Stoner was selected by the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee as a typical example of the Detroit Apprentice Training Program.

F. M. "Mal" Harris, International Representative of the I.B.E.W. then presented each of the following Brothers with a 50-year membership card, a diamond-studded pin, and a scroll from the International Office in recognition of their 50 years of continuous good standing: H. R. Harmon, William Slattey and William Fasbender. Brother Harris closed his remarks by pointing out the tremendous growth of the IBEW recently.

The remainder of the evening was spent taking class pictures, presenting Completion Certificates and in social activities.

The members of Local 58 are now actively engaged in doing their part to help raise a record-breaking goal of \$56,576 for the United Foundation, "Give Once for All" Torch Drive. Contributions to this fund support the bulk of Detroit's community agencies who assist the needy and underprivileged.

Climax of Golfing Season



A banquet and the awarding of trophies highlighted the end of the Electrical Workers' Golf League season. These photos show some of the winners and their awards and were sent in by Local 43, Syracuse, N. Y.

New Journeymen in Detroit



Members and guests gathered in the ballroom of the Statler Hotel to honor the graduating apprentices of Local 58.



Three of Local 58's members received recognition for 50 years of union service. From left: Local Business Manager Daniel J. Diamond; Honored Members William Slattery, William Fasbender and H. R. Harmon; International Representative F. M. Harris, and Local President Robert Rushford.

There is something new under the sun—the something new is Brother John Maser's appointment as Administrator for the Electrical Workers Joint Board of Trustees. John has served the local well as an outstanding instructor at the Apprentice Training School.

FRED KRAUSE, P.S.

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50-Year Memorial Marks Seattle Banquet

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—On September 21, 1957, Brother A. B.

Schuck was guest of honor at our semi-annual Component Local Unit Conference Banquet. Brother Schuck was initiated in Local Union 483, Tacoma, Washington, June 10, 1907 and has remained a member in good standing since that time. He was presented with a 50-Year Pin and scroll.

Brother Schuck worked for the City of Tacoma for approximately four

An original cartoon by Fred Krause, new press secretary of Local 58, Detroit, is seen at right.



Lewis E. Stoner, class of 1954, accepting the congratulations of Charles E. Engel, principal of the Detroit apprentice training school. Brother Stoner was selected as "Mr. Apprentice" in behalf of all the graduates of the classes of 1954-1955-1956-1957.

A DAY AT THE DESK



Is there anything else you can do beside screw in light bulbs and play baseball??

years before going to Vancouver, British Columbia where he worked out of Local Union 213. He then went to Montana where he worked out of Local Union 200, Anaconda, returning to the State of Washington in 1917. He worked in the Navy Shipyard in Bremerton for several years during which time he served as President of Local Union 574. He worked in various places before coming into Local Union 77 in 1929 where he worked for the Fire Alarm, and Seattle Transit System until his retirement in 1947.

Honored at the same banquet were A. J. Sears who was presented with his 40-Year Pin, J. J. McLeod and Harvey Stallcop who received their 30-Year Pins.

HENRY M. CONOVER, B.M.

New Utilities Contract Is Signed in Boston

L. U. 104, BOSTON, MASS.—It is with a great deal of pleasure that we report on the conclusion of contract negotiations between the Boston Division of the Northeastern Line Constructors Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association Inc., and our local union. The contract covers Utility Lines Company and all contractors in the area doing contract work for the utilities in this area.

Hours, wage payments, and working conditions have been negotiated that now establish our members among the top in this area.

The Negotiating Committee consisting of Business Manager Henry L. Nolan as Chairman, President Lawrence Collins, Walter Donovan, William Tate and Michael Murphy, has worked as a team that year after year has consistently bettered the conditions of our fellow members in the contract field. It is with no small amount of pride that we look at a committee which has raised the pay

Proud Moment



Business Manager Henry M. Conover presenting Brother A. B. Schuck with his 50-year pin at ceremonies held by Local 77, Seattle, Wash.

scale from a low of \$1.76 per hour in 1952 to a high of \$3.75 in 1957. This is without taking into consideration the foreman whose pay has been increased to \$4.20 per hour and corresponding increases down the line.

Another item of particular interest to be noted is that in years past where men have been riding both ways to work on their own time they now find themselves with guaranteed four hours report every day.

Also, when an emergency exists and men are required to work in inclement weather, they are to be paid double time where straight time would normally be paid and two and one quarter time where double time would normally be paid.

Space necessarily precludes my including in this article the whole of the negotiated contract but maybe the highlights of it will give you an idea as to the character of the whole.

It was not my original intent in this article to merely write about what is now a concluded agreement. Rather, I would like to point out how a committee consisting of but five men has worked untiringly and unceasingly for the betterment of all of us. They have given unstintingly

of their time and energy. It is now time for contracts with two of the companies employing our men to expire, viz., New England Electric Co. and the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Much has been done in the past in contracts with these two companies but the truth of the matter is that both are far behind the regional area rate.

The Negotiating Committee will not sit back on laurels already won for some of our Brothers, but will soon be plunging into the tedious chore ahead of them. They are definitely not asking for credits and applause for what they have already accomplished, which, without a doubt are due to them. What they are asking for is cooperation and assistance from all of us. But where is the rest of the membership? Is it to be only at contract time that the militant spirit of an organization is aroused? Is it only when the effects of a contract on their pocketbook is felt that they show up at a meeting? True, it is gratifying to see interest displayed in their contracts but, where are they when the day-to-day problems of the organization need looking after and call for the discussion and solution of these everyday problems?

The truth of the matter is that they are just not present with any degree of regularity. If you think that this is not so, then take a look at the attendance at a meeting where in a contract is involved and then at a meeting at some other time of the year. This lackadaisical and unrealistic attitude towards a union should make us all ashamed. If a group consisting of five men working in such close harmony can accomplish so much, I wonder how far we would go if this attitude prevailed amongst all of us. What we need is a cooperative effort from all of us. Surely we can do this much in order to bring about benefits for the whole membership.

EDWARD J. CURRAN, P.S.

Grand Rapids Honoree



From Local 107, Grand Rapids, Mich., we receive these views. Left: Brother Sidney Bush being congratulated on his 50 years of membership by Financial Secretary Edward Bailey, who is a 30 year member. Right: Brother Bush receives the congratulations of Al McCleary, who was initiated the same evening as a first year Apprentice.



Michigan Charter Member Awarded 50-Year Pin

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—To the members of Local 110 of Minneapolis and St. Paul, I want to inform you that we of Local 107 were privileged to present to Mr. Sidney Bush the coveted 50-Year pin. Being a charter member of your local, you have every reason to be proud of this man's achievement—as proud as we were in having the opportunity of presenting it to him.

Two days prior to the presentation I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Bush at his home here in Grand Rapids. He told me much of his vast experience in the electrical industry,

but what impressed me the most was the advice he had to give to the entire membership of the I.B.E.W., and that was to cherish your card and keep it in good standing so that you can reap its benefits now and at the time of retirement.

As members of the I.B.E.W. we may well be proud of our heritage. It is men like Mr. Bush that have had the vision and the initiative to carry the cause of labor to its present function in our complex society. We must never lose sight of their struggle to build that which we now enjoy—because the present is the mother of the future. Our vision and our constant endeavors are most essential to the continuing progress of the I.B.E.W.

At this writing I wish to inform the entire membership that our Brother member, Fred Fulton was involved in an accident on the job. Fred was descending from an aluminum scaffold with casters. One of the casters snapped, causing the scaffold to topple. Consequently Fred has been hospitalized and has a cast on both legs. He is now convalescing at his home. Your cards and letters will reach him at 29—32nd Street, S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan—or telephone GL 2-5916.

Next month I shall have an article and some pictures of the Steelcase job that is almost completed here in Grand Rapids.

LLOYD R. BLOOMBERG, P.S.

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List Leaders of Pasco Local 112

L. U. 112, PASCO, WASH.—For the benefit of all our traveling Brothers, we would like to announce the results of the election held in June, 1957. Business Manager, E. D. Cokeley; President, Marvin Mayberry; Vice President, George Roestel; Recording Secretary, Bennie Trimm; Financial Secretary, D. R. Allen; Treasurer, Johnny Roberts. Executive Board: Member at Large, Lee Roy Whitney; Member at Large, Archie Johnson; Yakima, R. C. Mansfield; Walla Walla, Dewitt Stinnett; Baker, Wallace F. Longacre. Examining Board: George L. Hart, Joe Marks, Bennie Trimm, John Garvey, Jr., Peter Grabowski.

At the present time our local is starting its annual code school for journeymen. We also plan to start a class in industrial electronics.

We are undergoing one of the worst work slumps in the history of our local.

We would like to express our thanks to all locals throughout the country who have furnished work for our traveling Brothers.

JAMES N. LEIBOLD, Ass't. B.M.

Proud Grandparents



Press Secretary Bob Wayne of Local 146, Decatur, Ill., and wife, pose with granddaughter, Laurie and grandson, Barry. The fond grandparents were visiting in Doylestown, Pa., when this picture was taken.

Describes Effects of Labor Charges in Canada

L. U. 120, LONDON, ONT.—Recently, the Ethical Practices Committee and the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO found three unions to be "dominated, controlled or substantially influenced . . . by corrupt practices" and has given them 30-day cleanup notices. The three unions are the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with a membership of about 1,350,000; the Bakery and Confectionery Workers with about 140,000 members and the United Textile Workers with about 40,000 members.

This, coupled with other investigations into the alleged corrupt practices of unions, has resulted in a chain reactive flood of publicity that will certainly be harmful to the general cause of organized labor both in Canada and the United States.

Here in Canada there has been a

plethora of press items, news casts, editorials etc. against said corrupt practices, and such news sources have not always been definite in their charges as to whom, or what union or unions their charges are directed against. The result of this publicity has been to foster a general feeling of mistrust and doubt in the minds of the public at large against any and all unions. This feeling is quite evident in the recent application of both the Canadian Manufacturers Association and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce for far-reaching changes to be made in the Canadian Labour Code, and these legislative changes would, if allowed to materialize, be an added detriment to the cause of labor. Always ready to take advantage of any situation which may arise and be turned in their favor, these two groups, coupled with others who will climb on the band wagon, are going to make the most of this undue publicity.

This deponent is not condoning the corrupt practices, far from it, but he does deplore the publicity and the uses that publicity will be put to. The offenders should be weeded out and tried, and if and when found guilty they should be penalized to the full extent of the law.

This is not a small thing and yet the majority of union members are inclined to be smug and complacent about it, they figure it could not happen in their local. Just think for a moment, could it or could it not happen in your own local? The last time you attended a meeting, was it last month or six months ago? And did you at that meeting have full and intelligent knowledge of all that was said and done? Fires, like corrupt practices, have small beginnings and that is the time to eliminate them, when they are small and easy to handle. Attend your meetings and take an intelligent interest in the activities of your local. If a matter comes up that you do not fully understand, get up and ask questions about it. No doubt, there will be others there who also would like an explanation of certain matters or the disposal of certain matters, but unlike you they did not have the intestinal fortitude to ask why or how, and yet by merely asking a simple question you have cleared the way for a better understanding by all concerned.

By their refusal to condone unethical practices, energetic officers and members can do much to eliminate future charges.

THOS. HINDLEY, P.S.

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Portland Mayor Cleared Of Underworld Charges

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—Several months ago our fair city was

New Invention



William E. Smith, member of Local 193, general foreman of underground and sub-station maintenance for the City Water, Light & Power Department, Springfield, Ill., is shown with the device he invented for stripping sheathing from non-serviceable cable.

painted pretty black when many of our citizens, including our mayor, were indicted by grand jury on charges of graft, bribery, corruption, etc, with the chief witnesses being many underworld characters. Our mayor was subjected to the merciless grilling of the McClellan Committee but the shady characters came off unscathed. We are most happy that a fair hearing before a court of law has found our mayor innocent as charged and all other indictments hanging over his head have been dismissed. We are awaiting the time when the shady characters who perpetrated this condition will have to take their stand before a court of law.

Labor has been very interested in this entire affair as many inferences were made attempting to involve labor. As a second point of interest, our mayor was an active member of labor for many years through his work in the Firefighters Union prior to his entrance into politics when accepting appointment to the office of County Sheriff.

With the normal moist part of the year about to take over in this area seasonal work is diminishing and the unemployed are entering their names on our books. The overall work situation in our area has not been good, mainly due to the heavy cut back in the lumber industry.

Forces beyond our control will prevent occupancy of our present office quarters after next spring. We are being politely but firmly kicked out as the building is being sold. This along with anticipated economies and conveniences in controlling our own quarters were influential factors in our decision to launch upon a building program. We hope to move into a new home sometime in May next year.

Negotiations have been satisfactorily completed for this year with three exceptions and these exceptions are causing considerable concern. Settlement of a dispute with the California Pacific Utilities Company by arbitration some months ago, has not been carried out due to the refusal of management to abide by all the points covered. As of November 1st these points of dispute are being referred back to the arbitrator and if management still refuses to abide, stronger action will be necessary.

Negotiations with the West Coast Telephone Company have deteriorated to a point where a mediator is being called in to assist in a settlement.

Finally, negotiations with the Outside Line constructors have not progressed satisfactorily at all. It is quite obvious that to properly conduct any negotiations, the local unions involved must arrive at some common point of understanding prior to bearding the lion in his den. The points at issue with the contractors

will be referred to the Industrial Relations Council for settlement.

A few gripes have been aired by some of our members recently over the new local union dues structure that becomes effective on November 1st. Many Brothers seem to overlook the fact that the costs of operating a union have increased by approximately the same percentage as the cost of other operations have increased. We hear rather mild gripes over the increased cost of living, somewhat louder gripes over the increased taxes, faint gripes over the increased costs of amusements and none at all over the increased cost of liquor and hunting trips. But it is different with union dues.

The Brothers should bear in mind that there has not been an increase in local union dues for years yet our wages have increased appreciably each year for some time. They should also be mindful that these increases in wages and conditions are the dividends from efforts on the part of L.U. 125, the I.B.E.W. and all other labor bodies in these United States. Just let these efforts cease for one minute, then watch what will happen to these conditions and wages. I wonder whether our Brothers are of the belief that the "Right-to-Work" bills being introduced in various state legislatures are intended for their well being and benefit.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P.S.

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Graduation Speaker Urges Standardization

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee sponsored its second graduation banquet at the Hotel Orlando last Wednesday, October 23rd, honoring seven apprentices who had completed their training and who were presented with their certificates during the evening.

Bill Damon, director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, was one of the principal speakers. He emphasized the growing need for standardized training throughout the country, in order that we may have qualified journeymen. The electrical industry has become more complex with the passing years and will continue to do so with the advent of the atomic age. Atomic power for home, business and industrial use will call for skilled Electricians to install and service valuable equipment. While many persons believe the usefulness of the craftsmen is ending with the coming of new machines and automatic controls, the United States is finding that the real problem is getting enough qualified apprentices into training programs where they can learn to keep the

United States machine age operating smoothly, according to Damon.

Robert Dron, president of the Illinois Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors' Association, said that capacities of electrical utilities in the United States will be doubled by 1967, testing the efforts of the contractors and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to maintain an adequate training program. Dron traced the progress of the apprentice program from his own start 50 years ago, when apprentices got 27½ cents an hour in their first year, to 1957. Dron said apprentices in his area now start at \$2.25 an hour.

Members of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee in this area are Warren Decatur, George Cast and Claud Thompson, representing the Electrical Contractors, and Keith Slifer, Burton Ranney and Jim Baldwin, representing Local 146, I.B.E.W. Warren Decatur was toastmaster at the ceremonies. Others on the program were Roy Stromberg, secretary manager of the Illinois contractors' group; Alvin A. Dost, regional director of the United States Department of Apprenticeship, and Carl Noll, business manager of Local 146. Apprentices who graduated were: Herbert W. Banning, Jr., Carl V. Cripe, Robert C. Deister, Robert L. Garecht, Kenneth Gordon, Carl D. Moyer and Robert E. Skelton. Billy D. Hixson was unable to attend and will receive his certificate later.

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company has finally made a long-awaited announcement, concerning a new plant to be built near Decatur. Site preparation will start in two weeks and erection of the structure will begin in March. Robinson F. Barker, glass division vice president, said the contractor is the Virginia Engineering Company, Newport News, Virginia. Estimated completion time is 13 months. Virginia Engineering's contract includes land improvements, building the plant and construction of in-plant roads, sewage disposal plant and parking lots. The plant will use newly-developed mechanical and electronic equipment to manufacture sheet glass, Barker said. It will employ about 350 people. The five-story plant will contain about 450,000 square feet of manufacturing and storage space.

Further development on the plans for a new seven-million-dollar St. Mary's Hospital are now being disclosed also. Bids on the eight-story building are expected to be let some time late this winter. Ground-breaking ceremonies are expected early in the spring.

The Christmas Committee has already started work on this year's annual party. They have rented the Masonic Hall, because of its size, and the need for a larger room than our own hall affords.

Work in this area has been plentiful so far this year, and prospects look good for the coming year.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

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Young Journeymen Giving Apprenticeship Courses

L. U. 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Since we wrote our last article for the JOURNAL, two more of our members have passed away. Brother William W. Martin, one of our retired members, died on July 31 in Fort Alkinson, Wisconsin. Brother Martin was an inside wireman before his retirement in 1945, and was also a member of Stage Employees Local 138. He worked part time as a stage hand up until his death.

On October 4th, Brother Philip Spaulding, Storeroom Foreman for the C.W.L. and P. Department, succumbed to a fatal heart attack. Philip, who was only 50 years old, had had a heart condition for quite some time, but each time in the past when seized by an attack he had gallantly won his fight for life. A severe attack last spring had him on the brink of death several times, but he didn't give up, and against the wishes of many of his friends, even returned to work in August. However, it just wasn't God's plan that he should return to work this time.

Two of our younger journeymen, Jim Enlow and Walter F. Goodman, both products of Local 193's apprentice school, are now teaching two of its classes. Jim is instructing a course in blueprint reading and Walt is teaching basic electricity. Our other instructors include C. P. Hafel, presently an electrical engineer for the C.W.L. and P. Department and one time instructor at the University of Notre Dame; August Barth, field engineer for the City Electric Department who has been in the electrical business for over 50 years; and last but not least Roy Ladley, our electronics teacher. Lloyd "Doc" Spindel, who taught the course in basic electricity for over 10 years resigned at the close of last year's term.

Several months ago we mentioned that Brother W. E. Smith, general foreman, for the Underground and Sub-station Maintenance Department of the City, Water, Light and Power Department of this city, had designed a new tool for stripping the sheath from lead cable, but we were reluctant to disclose any details on it as at that time Smitty was considering securing patent rights for it. The unit consists of a cutting wheel and separator, and can be easily mounted by bolting to any utility pole, thus it can be used right on the job where

PRESS SECRETARY of the Month

Our Press Secretary salute for this month goes to the great Southwest—Corpus Christi, Texas and L. U. 278 where Brother James C. Parish serves as that local's competent press correspondent.

Brother Parish tells us he was born in a dugout on a ranch in Foard County, Texas. His family moved to Fort Worth when he was seven years old, where he attended school and worked in a saddle factory. He left Riverside High School in 1916, to join the Navy, where he served during the First World War as an Electrician on the USS Brooklyn.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1920, he began work as a helper in the meter department of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and later became a manager for the company at Eufaula, Oklahoma. While in Eufaula, Brother Parish served two years on the City Council.

In 1926, Brother Parish came to Corpus Christi and was employed by the Central Power and Light Company to set up a district meter department and later he became manager for the company in several of the small towns in the area.

In 1941, Brother Parish was initiated into L. U. 278 as a journeyman wireman. Since that time, in addition to acting as press secretary, he has



James C. Parish

served two terms on the Examining Board and one term on the Executive Board. He has taught vocation electrical classes and apprenticeship classes at intervals ever since he joined the union. In August, 1955, he became full-time training coordinator for the Joint Apprenticeship program.

Brother Parish is married and has two daughters and four sons, three of whom are members of L. U. 278.

Congratulations on all your good work for your union and our Brotherhood, Brother Jim. Keep it up and keep those fine JOURNAL letters coming.

old cable is being removed or in a storage yard.

The cable is opened by hand for about two feet so it can be fed through the "stripper" and its conductors hooked to a winch line. From there on out the work is done by the stripper and the winch, allowing two men to strip several thousand pounds of lead a day.

The salvaged lead primarily is used by the city for caking water mains, and fire hydrants, but some is also used for leading transformer bushings, etc. Anyone interested in building this tool for his own use may contact Brother Smith by writing him in care of the City Water Light and Power Dept., 10th and Reynolds St., Springfield, Illinois. Smitty, of course, reserves all commercial rights to his invention.

We want to wish all you readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

WILLIAM L. PORTER, P. S.

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Fishing Accident Claims Ohio Member

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO.—At the time of this writing we, the mem-

bership of L. U. 212, have had the misfortune of losing one of our veteran members in a fishing accident. The boat in which he and another member of Local 212, Paul Morton, who is one of our valued contractors, were fishing overturned and our Brother member Frank Brandon was drowned. Brother Brandon had been a valued member of 212 since November 1917—almost 47 years and he was 72 years of age when he was taken from his family and friends.

We offer our very deep sympathies to his surviving wife and two daughters.

At the time of this writing Brother Morton is still in the hospital suffering from a very severe case of shock. Our thoughts and prayers are with him constantly for his recovery.

Here in Cincinnati our work has been on an even keel with all our members working plus a nice number of our out-of-town members whom we are always glad to have with us whenever it is possible to have work for them.

The winter season as all of you know, always brings us our local union bowling teams entered in the various leagues in and about the Queen City.

We believe we have two very good teams entered this time which will give a good account of themselves. As the season progresses, I shall endeavor to report more.

I learned with much interest of the questionnaire sent by the International Office to some of our members in their attempt to find out what you and I, as members like and do not like about our JOURNAL. I hope all who received them took the time to fill out the letter and send it back to Washington, D. C. because that is the only way the I.O. can determine what you the members do like and dislike. A vote of thanks to our JOURNAL staff for a very good job at all times.

So many of us are always buying tickets for worthy causes such as churches, orphan homes, veteran associations, etc. and I am very glad to report when some of our members hit the jackpot, so to speak. Within the past year, that I know of, three of our members have won \$1,000 in cash on drawings. They are George Kriedler, Sr., Donald Weikel and James Rodgers. I am very glad to be able to report their good luck.

As the holiday season and the New Year approach, I would like to say hello to our members and former members who are in various parts of the country. To the best of my memory they are: William Cunningham in Arizona, William Billerman in Panama, Elmer Schenk in Michigan, John Schlenker in Florida, Ed. Forrester in Florida, Joe Flowers in Canada, William Bennett in Florida, Art Leinbenrood in California, Fred Lippleman in Florida, and Julius Kemmer also in Florida.

To the above and to each of our

beloved pension members I have the privilege of sending to you the very best wishes from the entire membership of Local Union 212 for a very Merry Christmas and the sincere wish that the New Year of 1958 will bring all of you prosperity and good cheer. So with these thoughts to the entire Brotherhood, I shall close for this time. Au Revoir from 212's News Hound.

E. M. SCHMITT, P. S.

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Sign New Shop Under Rural Classification

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IOWA.—Local 231, through the efforts of Business Manager Tom Dugan, succeeded in signing up Bob's Electric Company of Remsen, Iowa. This is a milestone as far as Local 231 is concerned, with five new members taken in under the rural classification. Bob's Electric has a fine record as a reputable shop and we are happy to welcome them.

Fred Hadley was named to the Executive Board of L. U. 231, to fill a vacancy left by Emil Hooker, who is working out of town.

At the October meeting three apprentices were initiated. Allen Shook, Don Kessler and Ray Skogen are valuable additions to L. U. 231, having completed their probation period in a satisfactory manner.

Also at the October meeting the membership voted to raise the local dues from \$4.85 to \$6.00 per month, by a substantial majority.

Your union helps support you. Do

you support it with your loyalty as well as your dues?

FRED HADLEY, P. S.

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Officers Returned In Toledo Election

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO.—All officers of Local 245, Toledo, Ohio were returned to office in the election held on October 24th. They are President James Gungelman, Vice President Lester Blakely, Secretary Jack Schings, Treasurer Robert Hildebrandt, Business Manager George Thomas, and the following Brothers to the Executive Board, Glen Reese, Ancil Reihing, William Lenz, James George, Herman Moore and George Danko. One new member was elected, Brother Ival Carter. All of the officers ran unopposed with the exception of a contest for the vice presidency. We congratulate the officers and wish them well in the carrying out of the duties of their office for the next four years.

As of now quite a few members of the local are "shot." The Toledo Edison Company has arranged for Asiatic Flu inoculations for its employees. The program has started and will continue as the serum becomes available. Honest Brothers it didn't hurt but some of the Brothers did report reactions from the shots.

Brother Casimir Urbanski and Mrs. Urbanski were the winners of a nine day all expense trip to Hawaii. We understand that Mrs. Urbanski was somewhat reluctant to accept the idea of flying but that after considering they have decided to accept the trip.

Receive Completion Certificates



Completion certificates were presented to members of the apprentice training group of Local 271, Wichita, Kans. They are, from left, seated: R. L. Carley, Board member; W. J. Schovel, Board member; W. W. Malcolm, Board member and business manager of Local 271; A. E. Edwards, vice president of the 7th District; John Jenner, chairman of the Apprentice Board; Charles Paige, Board member and Chapter manager of the Kansas N.E.C.A.; H. J. Hill, vice president of the 5th District N.E.C.A. Front row—standing: R. G. McClelland; V. O. Thomas; R. G. Hladik; Don O. Bowlin; Don Utter; Larry Lancett; M. J. Sullivan, all apprentices. Back row—standing: A. M. Burke, president of Local 271; M. J. Hawkins; H. J. Evans, Jr.; Wayne Brixey; R. R. Adam; J. V. Cook; Don Ziegler, apprentices.

We hope to have a story and possibly a picture on their return.

We are informed that three of our brothers are candidates for offices in local elections to be held in November. They are Past President Stephen La Porte for councilman, Village of Oregon, Leo Kelly, Lucas County judge, and Ernest Black Monclova township trustee. Possibly there are others who are candidates and we are sorry that we are not aware of the fact so that it might be noted here. By the time this is printed the results will be in but we will carry that next time.

PAUL SCHIEVER, P. S.

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Death Claims Four Ann Arbor Members

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Well, Brothers, I guess you might say that all my letters start out the same, apologizing for such a long time between letters. I tell myself every time, that it won't happen again. I want you all to know my intentions are good. I also know that doesn't get any job done.

This is a hard letter to write, and nothing one says makes it any easier to understand or accept. Since my last letter four of our Brothers have received their final assignment from the MAN upstairs. In May Brother Roy Dolbie, passed away from a heart attack; in June, Brother Ray Harkins, from injuries received in an automobile accident; in July, Brother Jess Cornell, from cancer; in September, Brother Harold Trevillian, from cancer. The members offer their deepest sympathies to the families of the departed Brothers.

A number of Brothers have been hospitalized in the past months for one thing or another. To all those out and back on the job, the members wish them continuing good health, and to those still hospitalized a speedy recovery.

Sunday, August 11, was the day of our summer picnic, primarily for the small fry. The Committee went all out to see that all their desires were satisfied—all the pop and ice cream they could consume, plus games and contests with prizes for all. It was a beautiful day, with a fine attendance, and I believe that all present, both young and old had a wonderful time. The officers and members want to congratulate the committee, and also thank them for the time they so willingly donated that this would be a success.

Work seems to remain about the same in this area, with a few new jobs starting and some winding up. We are still able to keep quite a number of our traveling Brothers employed in the area, and hope that we can continue to do so.

To Guarantee Voting Strength



Local 278, Corpus Christi, Tex., Poll Tax Committee: (left to right): Harold H. Cofer, president; Ed J. Hayes, business manager; Bill Tucker, assistant business manager; Bill Darby, Committee chairman; Theresa Hoover; Jeff Shelburne, and N. R. (Curly) Johnston. Joe Haddick, member, not shown.

Almost forgot, July saw the graduation of one apprenticeship class, and the beginning of another. The older members congratulate the members of the graduating class, and welcome you to our ranks. We also welcome the new apprentices, and wish them the best of luck, and want them to know that we are there to help them learn the electrical trade, and more than willing, so don't be afraid to ask questions.

At our last meeting, it was voted to have a Christmas Party again this year. I believe all the members will be pleased to hear this. In the past this party has been a big success, and I know this one will be also, and I hope that all the Brothers and their wives will attend. That's about it for now.

PAUL R. MILLER, P. S.

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Member Named Standout Handicapped Worker

L. U. 266, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Greetings from the Valley of the Sun. Things are as quiet out here as can be expected—only the usual grievances from day to day.

One of our brothers, Claude Axtell, was honored recently as the outstanding physically handicapped worker of the Phoenix area. Claude is a victim of Buerger's disease and underwent amputation of both legs in 1956. His award consisted of a framed plaque and an engraved wrist watch.

In addition to working full time as an Account Clerk for the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, Claude puts in a lot of spare time as baseball coach in the Roosevelt Pony league in Phoenix. Needless to say, all of us in Local 266 are pretty proud to be associated with Claude

and we're indeed happy that he got this long-deserved recognition.

A. J. KUYKENDALL, B. M.

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Completion Certificates Presented in Wichita

L. U. 271, WICHITA, KANSAS.—The Wichita Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee held its annual graduation ceremonies in the Walnut Room of the Lassen Hotel on Friday, September 20, 1957. I have listed some facts and information about the program.

These ceremonies were preceded by a dinner given to all the apprentices, the members of the apprenticeship board, the officers of Local Union 271, I.B.E.W. and the Local Electrical Contractors. The dinner was furnished by the Kansas Chapter of N.E.C.A.

International Vice President A. E. Edwards was present to present the certificates of completion.

One apprentice George E. Field was absent. There were 14 apprentices who graduated. The Wichita Committee has 32 apprentices presently in the program. The board is active and keeps interest among the apprentices. Instructors are Dale Bliss and Don Riggs both members of Local Union 271.

W. W. MALCOLM, P.S.

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20c in Wage Boosts Won in New Contract

L. U. 278, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—Cost of living wage increases of 10 cents an hour beginning October 4th with an additional 10 cents an hour beginning January 1,

1958, were the results of a series of friendly negotiations between Gulf Coast Chapter of N.E.C.A. and our Local Union. This will bring our scale to \$3.45 per hour. Our wage committee, Brothers Milton E. Zuch, Ed Hayes, business manager and Bill Tucker, asst. business manager are due our appreciation and compliments on the very capable manner in which they carried through the negotiations with our local contractors. Here is an outstanding example of what can be done when a group of fair-minded business men will discuss with their employees a problem like this consecutive monthly rise in living cost.

Both labor and management should benefit in better labor market supply because for the past several years the industrial expansion has been rapid, whereas wage increases have lagged behind the alarming increase in living costs over the Gulf Coast Area in comparison with other industrial areas.

It is a wonderful thing to see A.F.L.-C.I.O. Unions in the construction division of this area going into the United Fund Drive thoroughly organized and together on their campaign plans. Our L. U. 278 endorsed the payroll deduction plan and management accepted the responsibility of pledge cards and receiving contributions. Our own Business Manager Brother Ed Hayes is serving with W. C. Echols, of the Carpenter's Local, as co-chairman for the construction division. Due to excellent planning and all-out work being put into this United Fund drive by labor, we feel we have every reason to be proud of our part in such a worthy cause.

Organization of a Poll Tax Program was completed at a kick-off meeting held in our local union hall in Corpus Christi, September 29th.

State Educational Director Hank Brown laid the ground work of conducting a united poll tax drive and presented the planning to the membership. Some of the highlights are: first the merger of the AFL-CIO Councils and the election of year-around committees assigned the job of steering the poll tax program.

A full time director Homer J. Moore, O. C. A. W., was hired, Mrs. John Kirton, womens activity director and Miss Rachel Villarreal, precinct director were also hired.

Director Moore will have an office in our Local Union Hall for 3 months. The plans call for the first six weeks to be spent selling poll tax to the union membership and their wives; the second six weeks working in the precincts. Each craft in the AFL-CIO Coastal Bend Area has appointed committees and I am sending a picture of our L. U. 278 members of our Poll Tax Committee.

Brother Harold Tate, assistant business manager at Victoria is organizing this poll tax drive in that area.

JAMES C. PARISH, P.S.

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New Contracts for Inside, Outside Workers

L. U. 309, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—The month of September was a busy one for Local 309. Most of our time has been spent on contract negotiations. We are well on our way to recovery by now. Our Inside Wireman Agreement has been approved as well as our agreements with the outside contractors, Illinois Power Company, and many maintenance agreements. We expect to reach an agreement with Union Electric Company soon.

It is the opinion of Local 309 that the signing of the 1957-1958 Wireman's Agreement is one of the best anywhere in the trade. The new contract is for a period of two years. It calls for a 15 cents an hour increase retroactive to July 16, 1957 bringing the scale for journeyman wiremen to \$3.70 per hour. As of January 16, 1958 we will receive an additional 13 cents per hour making the rate \$3.83 per hour. Again on July 16, 1958 we will receive 12½ cents per hour which will make the 1958 scale \$3.955 an hour. Under the contract our members are covered by a vacation agreement which entitles them up to two weeks vacation. They are also covered by Local 309 Health and Welfare Fund which includes their dependents.

Business Manager Corbin has decided to take time out for a little vacation. We hope he has a pleasant time down in the Smoky Mountains.

Electrical Workers School Local 309 is open for business again after a three-month vacation. We are very proud of our school and hope to have a bigger and better school attendance this year.

Bowlers beware of Local 309. We have two teams and are looking forward to the 14th annual bowling tournament to be held in Detroit. At this writing, Team No. 2 is in first place and Team No. 1 is in second place. We hope to meet many old friends as well as make many new ones at Detroit in 1958.

RAY (MOON) MULLINS, P.S.

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Scientific Advances Under Eternal Providence

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—The Christmas season is here

To Train Better Electricians



Class sessions at the Electrical Workers' School maintained by Local 309, East St. Louis, Ill.



once again, and almost all individuals in the civilized world know and recognize this day as the Birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. It is not amiss to pause for a moment at this time and ponder the deeper aspects of life. The great scientific achievements of our age, are almost baffling yet it is stated where scientists are complete in their findings they agree with the writings of the Sacred Scriptures.

In this age or administration, we are living at a very fast pace, great discoveries are being made in many fields of endeavor; or, uncoveries, if you please, as all discoveries are made of materials and elements which were always on the earth, but uncovered at a given or particular era—a time as set by the Creator—before the world began for use at a particular period—for a particular people—and we are most privileged to be living now.

New developments; new amazing advancements, and new progress in the air in particular are causing many concern and alarm at the immediate consequences to be encountered. Man is moving in so fast a pace that he's being frightened at his own speed. We need not fear, however, the universe is in good hands and the Creator Who is operating it, will conclude it in His own good time and order. The following verse will verify this: (Romans 11:33-36) "O, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How inscrutable are His judgments, and untraceable His ways! For who knew the mind of the Lord? or who became His adviser? Or who gives to Him first, and will be repaid by Him seeing that all is out of Him and through Him and for Him: to Him be glory for the eons!"

It is said by researchers and scholars that this is the basic truth of Divine revelation and the most comprehensive statement which can be uttered. This explains universal history. God is so guiding all His creatures that eventually, He will become their All.

L. U. 323 has a piece of property centrally located and hopes to build their own home when financially able. We would like to have some "pointers" from other locals who have gone through this important phase of growth—on how some of the "pitfalls" can be avoided. Will appreciate advice from others on this subject.

Working conditions here are quite satisfactory for the number of men we have at the present. A few new jobs are in the making—we like it better, though, when the jobs are ready to go.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS TO ALL: Let's make our 'slogan' work, and "LIVE BETTER . . . ELECTRICAL-
LY."

BENJ. G. ROEBER, P.S.

Late Member



Brother and Mrs. J. T. Lamb, taken on their Golden Wedding anniversary in November 1956. Brother Lamb, a member of Local 348, Calgary, Alta., passed away recently at the age of 82.

Des Moines Local is Plagued by Free-Riders

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IOWA.—This is a sneaky way to do it, but we can think of no cheaper way to say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR BROTHERS".

The news from this local union is not too favorable at this time. Several months ago we reported that we had won an election and had negotiated a contract covering a bargaining unit at the Fair-Play Score Board Company. NOW IT IS OUR UNHAPPY DUTY TO REPORT THAT NOT ONE SINGLE EMPLOYEE OF THE FAIR-PLAY COMPANY IS A MEMBER OF THIS UNION. We've often heard about "FREE RIDERS," but this is the first time we've known of any company whose employees were "ONE HUNDRED PERCENT FREE RIDERS". Perhaps the name of the company should be changed to "THE UNFAIR SCORE BOARD COMPANY".

On the brighter side of the ledger, we are happy to report the graduation of six of our apprentices. Those completing their apprentice training were Richard Dingman, William Kennelly, Harry Pollack, Ray Scott, Charles Stroh and Donald Thomas.

Our apprentice training classes are held on Saturdays and the instructors are from the Iowa State College Extension Service at Ames, Iowa. The apprentices of Local Union 347 are very fortunate indeed to have placed at their disposal the facilities of the Iowa State College Electrical Engineering Laboratories and faculty.

The training program calls for a term of 4,000 hours of on-the-job training over a four-year period and classroom instruction totaling 144 hours per year.

The apprentice program is very capably managed by our Apprentice Training Committee composed of James Friend, Paul Johnson and

L. O. Nagel and is a joint venture embracing the local chapter of the NECA and the local union.

This is about all of the news from Des Moines, the capital of "IOWA THE SCAB LAW STATE".

FRED POWERS, P.S.

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Veteran Member of Calgary Local Passes

L. U. 348, CALGARY, ALTA.—Some of the oldtimers who have been away on vacation or who have moved away from Calgary, will be sorry to hear of the unexpected passing of our late Brother John T. (Jack) Lamb on July 25th, 1957, at 82 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb had just moved in from the country with their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Burch. On November, 1956, the Lambs celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. I last saw Jack the second week in July and following a visit with him, gave him a lift down to the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede in which he was very interested and he handed me a program and sticker for my car as he was doing his share in advertising the great event. During my visit with Jack, he spoke very highly of the IBEW and how much the pension meant to him, for if he had to rely on the Government old age pension alone the outlook would not have been very bright.

The members of the IBEW should feel proud of the fact that they have a Pension Plan that assists many such pioneers who retired too early to reap the benefit of the company pensions they fought to bring about, which the younger generations are now enjoying.

Last summer we had a visit from an oldtimer in the telephone field in the person of George J. (Jack) Stitt, a former cableman for the Alberta Government Telephones, now living in Seattle, Washington and a member of the local there. Brother Stitt joined L. U. 348, November 9th, 1917 and will be entitled to a 40-year gold lapel button and scroll this November.

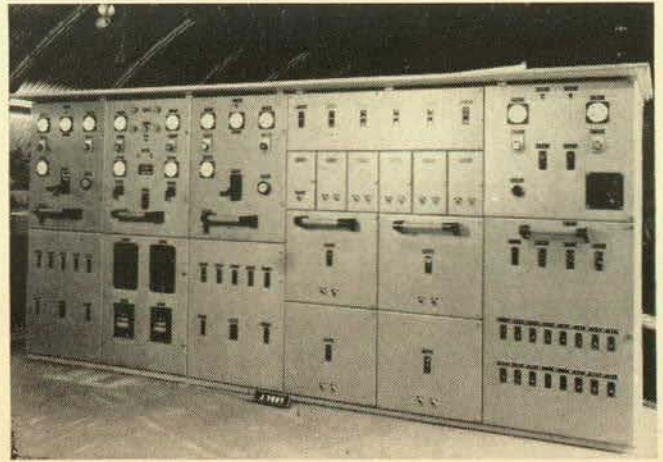
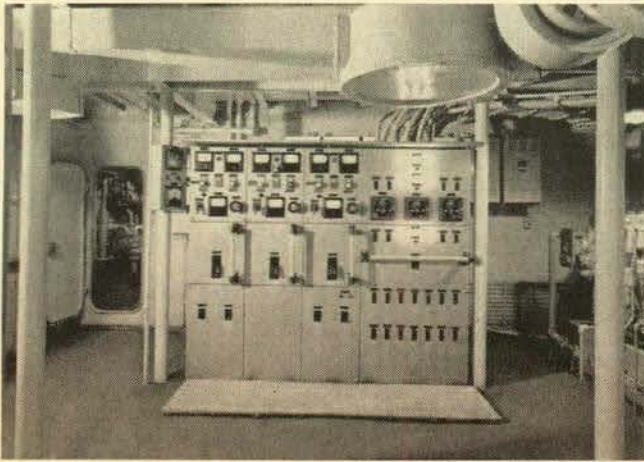
Our new officers are getting their teeth into things now, to say nothing of the committees lining up proposed amendments for our new contract which will be well under way in negotiation by the time this appears in print. The older officers have dropped out and left the field to the younger generation.

Brother R. Reekie is president; Sister E. Benson, recording secretary and Brother W. Urquhart, business manager.

Our new business manager is taking to his job like duck to water and needless to say has been very busy since taking office.

O. GARDNER, P.S.

From Beaumont Jurisdiction



Jobs like these two panels typify the type of work turned out by Local 479, Beaumont, Tex., marine wiremen. These panels are generator, motor and distribution central control apparatus. These are installed on "drill barge tenders" and drilling platforms now operating in the Gulf of Mexico.



Members of the ball club of Local 479, Beaumont, Tex., are pictured, left to right, top row: Jack Cansler; Jimmy Clark; James Gallier; Pat Egan; E. M. Siau; Sonny Arterberry; Jack Wilson, assistant manager; Walter Kenneson. Bottom row: Moose Messina, chief supporter; J. J. Droke, manager; Clarence Kessler; Wallace Downs; W. D. Smith; Henry Thurston. Not pictured is I. L. Mills.

Coast Guard Recognizes Texas Marine Service

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS.—This local has had in its membership some "unsung heroes" for a number of years now. These members are marine wiremen and apprentices. Marine men in our local are definitely in the minority, but they do deserve words of praise and mention. These men represent a large and growing industry. In this case the backbone of this industry in the Gulf Coast area is McIntosh Marine Service.

McIntosh and its work has long been a credit to our local. The men who work for the company are proud to be a part of this large and growing industry.

In the past 10 years it has become

necessary for our marine services to expand with our oil industry. As you probably know there are over 180 drilling rigs and platforms operating in the Gulf at this time. These rigs range from Mississippi to Brownsville, Texas, and McIntosh offers service to them all. Twenty-four hour service, pickup and delivery are just part of the many advantages this company offers. Their service includes towboats, offshore drilling barges, and all other sea-going vessels.

McIntosh builds to any specifications, generator control and distribution switchboards, motor control centers, alarm panels, battery charging panels and all types of custom-built motor controllers. This company also has a complete repair department for all motors and transformers. An ex-

ample of a large job recently accomplished by this department included completely disassembling and reinsulating all revolving field coils in a 6000 H.P. T-2 Tanker Propulsion Motor. This department can also stone any size slip rings in the field and recently completed stoning slip rings on a 5500 H.P., 3 phase synchronous motor on an industrial application in Orange, Texas.

Three to five years work is already on contract in this area. In the past it has been impossible to supply enough marine wireman for the work in this jurisdiction. We would like some of the good marine Brothers to investigate the possibilities in this area. This marine work is one of the reasons why L. U. 479 supplies good men for good jobs.

Now we want to say a word or two about our ball team.

One night last June 14, tired and down-hearted, ball players walked off the field after a 13-2 defeat. The next game wasn't much better, but the third must have been a charm for after that the boys caught fire. They played the rest of the season like a new club and finished the city league in their division in second place. The local topped it off by giving the boys and their families a steak dinner. You can bet they will be back next year better than ever.

As a side note, why don't some of the rest of you local boys get up some clubs? It's great fun for the members and promotes good will to everyone concerned.

J. E. CLARK, P.S.

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Urges Improved Standards In Electrical Wiring

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—After many years of repeated attempts in various ways of trying to impress

the value of good workmanship and the importance of our Canadian Electrical Code in our daily work, we have finally succeeded in obtaining an ally in the person of the Editor of the "Electrical News and Engineering Magazine" in his editorial in the September 1957 edition. The editorial goes on to say that "in the field of re-wiring buildings much of the work is done by unqualified workmen and is never inspected because the changes do not involve the service entrance"; and he also calls for stricter enforcement of the regulations of the code to ensure the safety of the public and for the benefit of the industry.

Too often, unfortunately the wireman carries the blame for equipment which becomes defective in a relatively short period of time after installation when this same equipment and materials prove after inspection to be sub-standard and non-approved by the CESA. It is true that part of the blame should go to the wireman for installing it in the first place but nevertheless it is a known fact that in many cases when our members refuse to install sub-standard equipment they are fired on the spot by the unscrupulous employer who always finds someone to do his dirty work. We also know that when protests are made to the proper authorities they are usually pigeon-holed and classified with the category of you-know-what . . . if the law deserves to be respected by the workingman it should be even more important to his boss. The writer has been ridiculed many times for his rebellious attitude on the subject. Nevertheless at the risk of sounding monotonous we still maintain that what deserves to be done should be done correctly! Hard to believe as it may, we still have some honest competitors amongst our Employers who do not always disagree with the union on different subjects but those who will give us their active support when it comes to Code regulations are very few and far in between.

Effective October 21st, your local Union has signed a collective agreement with 12 electrical contractors in the Montreal district. This agreement contains the union-security clause, which specifies that every employee hired on or after October 21st shall be a member of the union or acquire membership in same within 30 days after his first day of employment. It is also understood that no member of the union shall be laid off for lack of work during this 30-day period when other employees in the same shop have not acquired full membership in the union. The agreement also carries an hourly increase of 10 cents effective January 21st, 1957 and an additional 10 cents effective March 1st, 1958. It expires March 31st, 1959. The traveling time has been retained for work outside the city

limits. However this traveling time shall now be paid at the rate of 10 cents per mile both ways from the city limits plus cost of transportation. This applies to apprentices as well. For further details on the agreement kindly consult your local union office or your shop-steward on the job.

Our Social and Welfare Committee reports the death of Brother Gilles Arsenault, formerly employed by Provincial Engineering Ltd. Brother Arsenault died en route to the hospital from internal injuries suffered in a 30-foot fall on the job. Our most sincere condolences to his family and friends. Brother Andrew Carson, manager of our Credit Union, is very sick and has been hospitalized for six weeks as a result of a heart attack. Due to his health condition Bro. Carson had to tender his resignation as manager of the Credit Union. He was replaced by Brother Charles F. Ford who will be in the office every Saturday to help you with your financial problems. Our very best wishes to Brother Carson for a speedy recovery.

We are pleased to report that attendance at our monthly meetings has increased considerably in the past months. This is also a good time to remind all our members that our next International Convention is going to be held in September, 1958. It's sooner than you think and it's not too early to start sending in your proposed amendments to the Constitution to our Executive Board. These have to be submitted in writing either in French or English.

Our very best wishes to all our membership and to all members of the IBEW for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Our special greeting to

our own Brother Paul E. Theriault of Local 243 of Salinas, California.

Effectif le 21 octobre dernier, votre local a signé la convention collective avec 12 entrepreneurs electriciens dans le district de Montréal. Cette convention contient la clause de sécurité de l'union, qui spécifie que tout nouvel employé à compter du 21 octobre 1957 devra être membre de l'union ou d'obtenir sa carte d'union en dedans de 30 jours suivant la date de l'emploi- il est entendu aussi que suivant cette clause, un membre de l'union ne devra pas être congédié pour manque de travail lorsqu'il y aura d'autres employés sur le même chantier qui ne se seront pas acquittés de leur initiation au complet dans le local 568; le contrat accorde une augmentation de 10cts effectif le 21 janvier 1957 et une augmentation additionnelle de 10cts le 1er mars, 1958; la date d'expiration est le 31 mars 1959. Les frais de déplacement en dehors des limites de la ville seront dorénavant payés sur une base de 10cts pu mille, aller et retour, à compter des limites de la ville au chantier en plus du coût du transport qui demeure le même, ceci s'appliquera aux apprentis également; pour d'autres détails sur la convention collective veuillez communiquer avec le bureau de votre local ou votre chef d'atelier (shop-steward).

Le Comité Social en de Bienfaisance nous rapporte la mort du confrère Gilles Arsenault de Provincial Engineering, le confrère Arsenault est décédé accidentellement après avoir fait une chute de 30 pieds; nos condoléances à sa famille et ses nombreux amis. Nous regrettons aussi de vous apprendre que le confrère Andrew Carson, Trésorier de la Credit Union, est gravement malade

World's Series Special



Backing for the Braves: Milwaukee, Wisc., Local 494 showed its handsome union headquarters building off to good advantage by celebrating the Braves pennant drive with appropriate decorations.

et est hospitalisé depuis 6 semaines; vu son état de santé le confrère Carson a dû résigner comme trésorier de la credit union, et fût remplacé par la confrère Charles Ford qui sera au bureau tous les samedis pour vous aider avec vos problèmes financiers si vous en avez . . . Nos meilleurs voeux de prompt rétablissement au confrère Carson.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P. S.

Completion Certificate For Tulsa Apprentice

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Here are a few more pictures of our recent celebration which will just about finish up our 50th anniversary. We again want to thank everyone who worked so hard in making our celebration a huge success, and again the list of names is too numerous to mention.

This month's blood donors were Leroy Shaull, and Johnny Miller. Brother Miller has just given a gallon of blood, and becomes the second member that we know of to do so.

Federal Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship Training was awarded to Brother Jonas McGrew, Jr., of Nelson Electric Manufacturing

Company. The industrial relations manager for the company presented him with a \$25 check and the certificate at a dinner held in his honor in the company cafeteria. Officers of the IBEW and the Federal apprenticeship representative were invited guests.

Brother McGrew took the regular four year course for journeyman wiremen which should make him a capable all-around man at an electrical manufacturing plant like Nelson's.

The company is the only manufacturing plant of electrical control equipment in the Oklahoma area, and the only electrical manufacturer in this entire area qualified to display the IBEW union made label.

We were sorrowed by the deaths of two of our members recently. Brother M. F. McCarthy died July 29th this year. Brother McCarthy had worked all over the country and had many friends whom I know will be bereaved by the news of his passing. Brother Charles H. Charloe died October 6th this year. Brother Charloe was only 24 years of age and met his death in a highway accident. Many heads were bowed by the news of this tragedy.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

Courtesy of Road Still a Good Rule

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Among the curious species that inhabit the highways, one of the most irksome is the impetuous fellow, constantly on the verge of nudging one's rear bumper. At best such behavior lacerates the nerves of the driver ahead. At worst it can lead to a terrible smashup.

The bumper-nudger is a fellow who can't stand to be behind another car. He wants to go around and be out ahead, driving at his own speed. When traffic is too heavy to permit that immediately, he is not mature enough to keep a reasonable distance and wait for a chance to pass. He edges up close and takes a chance of winding up in the trunk of the car ahead if it should have to stop abruptly.

This is childish behavior. It shows a lack of discipline, not to mention a lack of consideration for those in the car ahead. The bumper-nudger, however skillful he may be at handling his car, is a poor driver. The old rule about staying a car length for every 10 miles of speed is still an excellent one, if our people would adhere to it.

Highlights from Tulsa Local



In the background at left are Brother John Schwarz, Jr., Local 584's new assistant business agent, and Mrs. Schwarz; and in the foreground are Mr. and Mrs. John Schwarz III, during the festivities at the 50th anniversary celebration of Local 584, Tulsa, Okla. Right: Local 584 float entered during recent fair parade.



Members receiving 20-year pins during anniversary celebration, left. Officers of Ladies Auxiliary pose at right.

Gallery of Jackson Members



From left are these members of Local 605, Jackson, Miss.: Fred Bridges and Roy Joe Everett; V. H. Barfield and E. W. Everby. At right are Press Secretary R. E. Thompson of Local 985 and Assistant Business Manager C. E. Shaffer of Locals 605 and 985.

We do not set ourselves up as safe-driving examples. However, considering the annual national traffic toll, it seems that any rule or common courtesy we may be able to subscribe to, which will prevent accidents and save lives on our roads and streets, is worth the time and effort. We feel sure that we all need much more education in traffic safety.

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

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Bolivian Team Visits Albuquerque Local 611

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Local Union 611, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on August 29 was privileged to play host to a productivity team in mining from Bolivia, located in the North Central Section of South America.

This group is composed of members of the Industrial Union of Miners, management representatives from the Mining Corporation of Bolivia and a professor from the School of Mines. They are all primarily in the field of tin mining. This team was guided by Mr. John Georges of the United States Department of Labor.

This group of representatives is in our country under the sponsorship of the Bolivian Government and the United States Department of Labor to study trade union organization, labor management relations and productivity techniques.

Local 611 in Albuquerque exchanged ideas and information with this group, and the officials of our Local, Cliff Clark, George Otero and International Representative Elmer Zemke, answered questions from our visitors.

The interpreter for this visit was Barbara Hubner of the United States Department of Labor.

There was brought out in discussion in this meeting that Local Union 611 had not had any major labor trouble or strike since 1939. One of the Bolivian representatives from Labor made the remark that with

\$3.32½ per hour and the working conditions that we have that this was understandable.

Topics discussed in this meeting were our method of training apprentices, our method of negotiating contracts, our skill improvement program and our method of organizing new members and companies.

It is the feeling of the members of 611 in attendance at this meeting that much was achieved, and we of 611 hope that in time the Bolivian conditions will match ours.

Local Union 611 takes great pride in presenting to the membership of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers the above picture of our Business Manager, Cliff Clark, and his new assistant, George Otero, who was appointed to office in early August. Mr. Otero who is 28 years of age, is a graduate of Albuquerque High School, and he also attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He has been a member of 611 for approximately 10 years, most of that time having been spent with Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company, Inc. George is a life-long resident of Albuquerque, residing at 1614 Hermosa, NE, with his wife and three children, ages 6, 8 and 9.

JAMES COONS, P.S.

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Scores Recourse to Unauthorized Strikes

L. U. 654, CHESTER, PA.—Among the evils existing in a small way in organized labor today is the unauthorized or "wildcat" strike. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has always been 100 percent against this abuse of law and order.

"Wildcat" strikes emanate usually from a dissatisfied group working on a particular project or in a plant. In many cases it has been found that these unauthorized stoppages or walkouts have been planned and led by labor spies in the ranks, or constant

agitators who find nothing but fault with the actions of their officers or the membership as a whole.

The latter type often have a martyr complex, being of the opinion that they are not being treated fairly in assignments, job opportunities, promotions, and so forth. Others who foolishly agree with their views may become their followers and one day may find themselves a part of an unauthorized walkout.

Our International Officers are well aware, and have been for many, many years, of the causes of "wildcat" strikes and have in their prudence eliminated this evil within the ranks of the Brotherhood. It is specifically stated in our Constitution that: "No local union shall cause or allow a stoppage in any controversy of a general nature before obtaining consent of the International President."

Our local union bylaws tell us that: "Stewards shall in no case cause a stoppage of work." Our agreement with the contractors states that—all matters in dispute shall be settled by arbitration.

We members have no alternative but to accept and abide by these laws and agreements. We are bound as our officers are bound to live up to all of our obligations and commitments. On the other hand, we expect and can demand that the parties of the second part do likewise.

Down through the years many union members have lost their membership through foolish participation in unauthorized walkouts. It should never happen to a member of the I.B.E.W.

To acknowledge or participate in part to any movement that is foreign to our Constitution, ByLaws or Contractual Agreements, jeopardizes our standing as a member of the Brotherhood. Surely this is too great a risk for any group or individual to wager against his union membership.

We have elected our officers to guide and serve us. Let us support them in their endeavours to make our

Latin-American Visitors Entertained



The Mining Productivity Team from Bolivia, sponsored by the State Department, were entertained by officers of Local 611, Albuquerque, N. Mex. Shown in the above picture, seated, left to right are: Alberto Echalar; David Monje; Eli Sotelo; Valerio Prado; Francisco Lopez; Juan Torres; Barbara Hubner, interpreter, and Cliff Clark, business manager, Local 611. Standing: Elmer Zemke, International representative, 7th District, IBEW; George Otero, assistant business manager, 611; Humberto Lopez; J. B. Georges, U. S. Department of Labor; Erasmo Guarachi; Alberto Caravajal; Marcelino Soto; German Campusano, and Felix Guevara.

local union united and stronger. By doing so we as individuals will prosper, for in unity of purpose progress is sure to follow.

Our local union is facing the future with high hopes of prosperity. We are fortunate in having work for all of our members as well as jobs for many visiting Brothers.

Business Manager Chambers is as busy as the proverbial bee handling the many problems that confront him. His planned "Foremen and Stewards Meetings" should result in a smoother operation and a better understanding of the job problems that face us all.

With the full cooperation of job foremen and stewards the work of Brother Chambers will show the results of teamwork.

By the time this letter reaches our members, we expect to be starting a long-awaited vacation in Florida. We promise to continue our articles while in the "Sunshine State." We hope to visit several local unions and attend some meetings while traveling.

It is our earnest wish that the coming Christmas and holidays will be your merriest; that the New Year will bring us all peace and prosperity. If these things be ours, life will be serene.

J. A. (Doc) DOUGHERTY, P.S.

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Two-Thirds of Members Cast Vote for Officers

L. U. 672, FRONT ROYAL, VA.—On June 21, 1957 election of officers was held. The voting turnout was very good as over two-thirds of our membership voted.



Business Manager Cliff Clark poses with his new assistant, George Otero.

The following Brothers were elected: James C. Bennett, president; Robert Miller, vice president; Thomas C. Laing, financial secretary; Frank Venable, recording secretary; Joseph N. Taylor, business manager and treasurer.

Executive Board members are Marvin W. Laing, Otis M. Hawkins and Paul Stephens.

Our work at this time is good as we have approximately 175 men working and it looks good for the next few months.

We are looking forward to seeing more of our Brothers at the meetings.

ROBERT (BOB) JONES, P.S.

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Local 683 Takes Steps Toward Owning Home

L. U. 683, COLUMBUS, OHIO.—Our International President has given his approval to our purchasing property so another milestone has been passed on our way to secure a home of our own. We still have a long way to go because a little matter of finances has

to be considered. In this day of tight money the financing of anything is a difficult problem. Your Executive Board has discussed this question several times and has presented some good suggestions. To date no definite plan has been selected and at such time one is selected it will be fully discussed at a regular membership meeting. Also, after the method of financing has been worked out then the little technicalities and arrangements for moving will have to be considered. Anyway, we are still progressing slowly.

At the annual meeting of Journapp, Inc., on September 26, 1957 the following Brothers were nominated for the office of trustee; Jim Greenwalt, one-year term, Charles Bennett, two-year term, Dick Fisher, three-year term. In succeeding years only one trustee will be elected for a three-year term. Also, at this meeting the bylaws of the corporation were read for the first time. At the special meeting called for October 26, 1957, these bylaws will be read the second time and considered for adoption.

Apprenticeship school started September 23, 1957 with 89 apprentices enrolled in four classes. This includes all construction, motorshop and sign shop apprentices. This year Brothers George Schurmann, Dan Livingston, Charles Stoltz and Walter Schwartz are the instructors.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee has approved the course of instruction which was written especially for apprentice construction wiremen by the Extension Department of the University of Texas. Also, 10 apprentices from Local Union No. 88, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Local Union

No. 1105, Newark, Ohio, are attending classes by permission of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. The total number of apprentices of both these locals is too small to have classroom instruction in their home towns, so by allowing them to attend our classes we are assisting these sister locals in training qualified journeymen.

Our Journeyman Training Program is now under way with classes in Basic Electronics, Cable Splicing and Welding. Welding students attend a regular public school class under the supervision of the Industrial Education Division of the Columbus Public Schools. The Basic Electronics and the Cable Splicing class attend two nights a week under the supervision of our own Journeyman Training Committee.

Several jobs have either finished completely or will be finished in the next few weeks. Great Southern Shopping Center, Columbia Gas and Fuel and the alterations at General Motors to name a few. Consequently, calls for men are also slowing down. The picture for this winter looks much better than it did at this time last year.

H. K. ("HENRY") ALDRIDGE, P.S.

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Congressman Addresses Completion Banquet

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—On the evening of October 17, 1957 Local 697 held graduating exercises for six apprentices who have completed the training course of our union. They are a fine group of intelligent young men and will be a source of strength to us in the days of the uncertain future now staring us in the face.

A fine banquet was served and we had many distinguished and official guests.

United States Congressman Ray Madden, of this Indiana district, made an able and enlightening speech on the controversial matters in Washington as affecting labor and education.

Others present were Carl Mullen, president of the Indiana Federation of Labor, O. A. Wishman of the Apprenticeship Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, J. R. Marks, Lake Company manager of the Electrical Contractors Association and many more guests of political prominence.

The graduates are: John R. Hawk, Richard Harwood, Harry Savage, Eugene Lottes, Armand Boltovitz and Robert Reschan.

Photographs are not available now, but I will try to have them in my next letter.

The unpleasant situation caused by the "Right-to-Wreck" agitation in this nation causes one to do a lot of

thinking about what the results will be in this country if a national law of this nature is enacted.

I would like to ask this question. If the N.A.M. is successful in wrecking the unions, and of course, beating down the wage scales that have helped to build up our economy, how is the American worker going to be able to buy the products of these firms which are backing the N.A.M.? What is wrong with the thinking of these corporation wizards?

It seems that what they want most is to dictate to their employees just what wages they will pay them and under what working conditions they will be hired. In other words have a line of men waiting at their gates, hoping for a job, so their employment agents can point their fingers at any one in the crowd and say, "You and you and you," and tell these men, "you can work for what we pay and like it!"

Remember the good old days when a 50- or 60-cent-an-hour scale was supposed to be enough for a man to raise a family on? What a laugh that was.

I believe that if a national "Right-to-Wreck" law is enacted by the present gang of super statesmen in Washington that we may have the damndest panic and wave of strikes in this country that we have ever seen.

The present Administration in Washington has a fine opportunity to create progressive legislation to benefit the whole nation and not make a lot of destructive laws that are based on the hatred of American labor. Destructive laws against any segment of the American people are bound to hurt the whole country. It is too much to hope, however, that our Congress will do anything favorable for the American worker, judging by the dim record of our roving diplomats and representatives. Wall Street and the N.A.M. would be offended by any favorable labor legislation.

Now is the time for our union men to do some serious reading, thinking and voting. Vote only for candidates who have our interests at heart and who will not make laws intended to destroy the great American labor movement that has brought strength and prosperity and progress to our nation.

Let us support the C.O.P.E. to the best of our ability and let us spend more time reading editorials on all public and labor matters and not so much of our time on the sports pages of the newspapers.

We union people have two state representatives who were elected by our union votes, Brother William Babinsack of Whiting, a man who has faithfully done his duty for labor in the Indianapolis House of Representatives, and Roy Bell of Valparaiso, our neighboring city. These men are

intelligent and progressive and we must reelect them at our next state election.

The N.A.M., it seems, has seized upon the Teamster union scandal and is using it as a tool to convince the American people that all union leaders are crooks and thieves. They do not tell the people that less than one percent of all union officers are dishonest and unfaithful in their duties. What a bunch of hate mongers they are!

HARRY B. FELTWELL, P.S.

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Drive on to Defeat "Right to Work" Bill

L. U. 718, PARSONS, KANS.—As it has been a long time since any news from Local 718 has appeared in our JOURNAL—we believe the press secretary has lost his pencil—I will try and substitute for him.

Work in our area is slow at present and it looks like a long winter with some good wiremen on the bench. However, our neighboring locals have worked a number of our members through the summer. At this point we extend a vote of thanks from Local 718 to the other locals providing work for our members.

The state of Kansas has an amendment (the "Right-to-Work") being submitted to the people of Kansas for a vote in 1958. I know I don't have to emphasize to union people how wicked, one-sided, and unfair the law is, so the laboring people who belong to organized labor are going all out to defeat this bill. We are getting our people registered to vote, educating the uneducated, unionizing the ununionized, and at the polls we are going to beat the "Right-to-Workers." Speaking of the "Right-to-Workers" I have been informed that the State Chamber of Commerce has \$2,000,000.00 to put this law into effect. These people are letting no grass grow under their feet. They must want child labor, soup lines, sweat shops, and most of all rat shops. I wonder if there is a place in heaven for this type of people.

Local 718 has just recently donated labor to rewire the "Teen Age And Over Sixty Club." We had a wonderful time doing the work and received a lot of nice letters thanking the Local for the work donated. I might also add, other crafts donated their labor too.

Here's a little poem that makes a lot of sense.

WHICH ARE YOU

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belongs?"
Do you ever go to visit a member that is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the "Clique?"
There is quite a program scheduled I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate if you, too, will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings and help with hand and heart.
Don't be "just a member" but take an active part.
Think this over member, you know right from wrong
Are you an active member, or do you "Just belong?"

AL KNIGHT, B.M.

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Serious Work Shortage Affects Knoxville Area

L. U. 760, KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Greetings to all of you Brothers in town and also to each of you who is away from home. At the present time work is as slow as I have ever seen it in Knoxville, Tennessee. It will probably be months before it gets better, so please let me remind you Brothers who have a job—don't quit, stay with it.

We will be in negotiations with T.V.A. in two more weeks. We think we have good data, but we shall see.

To the locals who are helping us employ some of our members out of town, let me thank you on behalf of our business agent and our membership. Maybe we'll be able to repay you this kindness some day.

If you have any news please send

it to your Press Secretary Clarence H. Garrett and next month I'll try to have more news. If any of you have any questions please feel free to write me and I'll try to answer them or get someone else to help me answer them. So for this month, I wish you all the best of everything.

C. H. GARRETT, P.S.

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Ashtabula Local Holds Annual Family Picnic

L. U. 762, ASHTABULA, OHIO.—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 762 held its annual family picnic at Limback's Grove along the banks of the picturesque Ashtabula River on the 8th of September. More than 400 members and guests were present on this fine day. Scooter and pony rides and a baseball game were held during the afternoon.

The winners of the baby-walk-to-mother race were Sue Ann Bish and Ronald Manteuffel.

Winners of the running races were: two to four years of age, Paula Fraelich and Roffie Harkabus; four to six, Becky Howe and Ronnie Howe; seven to nine, Betty Fraelich and Mike Salsters; 10 to 12, Kay Stevenson and Tony Calarco; 13 to 15, Annette Manchester and David Newcomer; over 16, Mrs. William Jamison and Rodger Miller.

Wheelbarrow race winners were Albert Chittle and Bud Blaus.

Rope tying couples winners were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Biannelli.

Shoe and sock couples winners were Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Manteuffel.

Over 40 youngsters participated in the nickel grab for those under five years of age with \$10 in nickels mixed in the sawdust.

In the five to nine year old nickel grab, 50 children took part.

Other prizes were awarded to Mrs. Harry Hough, electric drill; Mrs. Carl Uitto, indoor barometer; Mrs. Tony Calarco, electric iron; D. W. Beach, electric clock; Patrick Distler, soldering iron; Robert Harkabus, electric frying pan; Amos Taylor, grill; Lyle Phelps, portable mixer; Mrs. Vaino Ivori, electric frying pan; Mrs. Arthur Klier, toaster; Reino Lillvis, folding iron; C. C. Pace, thermo-glasses; Mrs. Salster, outdoor cooking set; Mrs. Lloyd Loucks, electric drill; and Arthur Klier, tool tree.

Donors of the above articles: Dingle-Clark Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Bechtel Corporation, New York, N. Y.; Fortune Byers, Conneaut, Ohio; Eckler Electric Company, Ashtabula, Ohio; Ashtabula Telephone Company, Ashtabula, Ohio; Lakes Electric Company, Erie, Pa.; Notter Electric Company, Ashtabula, Ohio; Antonucci Electric, Youngstown, Ohio; Lake Erie Electric Company, Lorain, Ohio; Carlson Electric Company, Warren, Ohio; Kissell Electric Company, Geneva, Ohio; Church and Murdock, New York, New York; I.B.E.W. L.U. 672; Dingle-Clark Company, Cleveland, Ohio and Herbst Electric Company.

The winners of the children's contests were given prizes consisting of toy ducks, roosters, blocks, pocket-books, beachballs, boats, sewing kits, Mr. Pops, Mrs. Pops, spin darts, art-scopes, tracks, launchplanes, dolls, Frenchpurses, footballs, water guns, swim fins, pocket-knives, ballpoint pens, and pins.

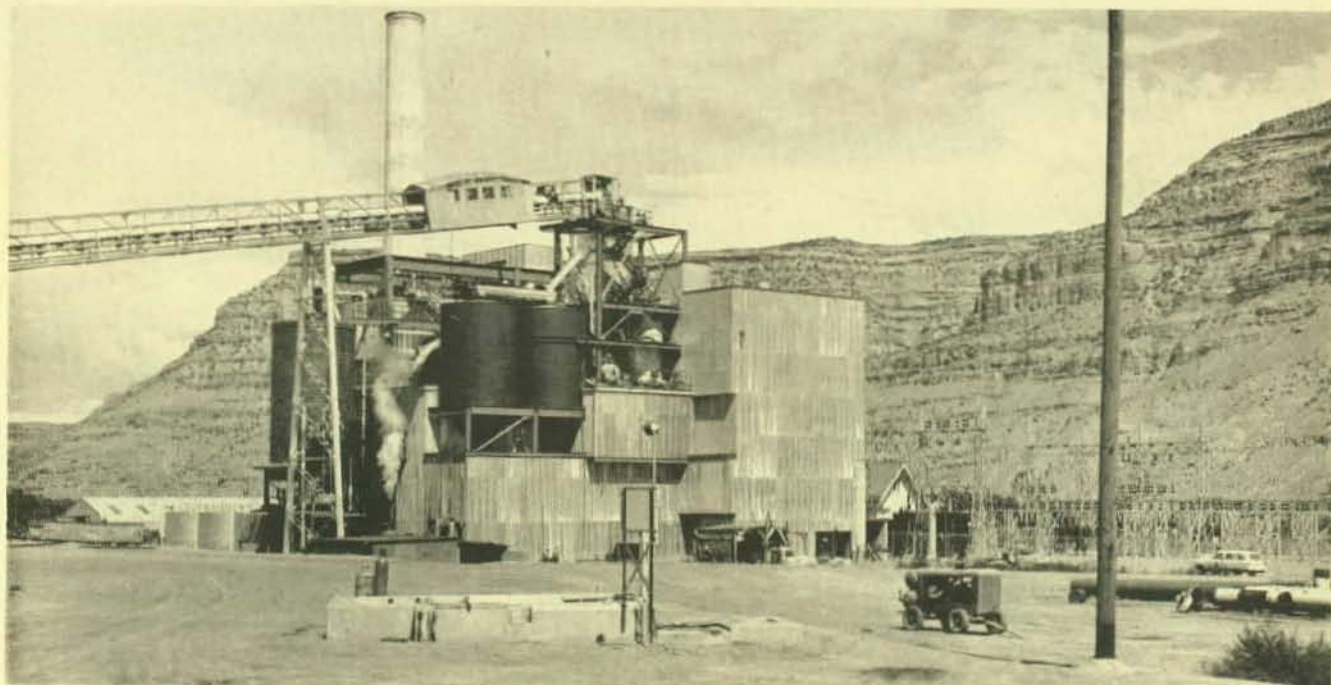
Mrs. William Jamison won a necklace and ballpoint pen in the running race. Mr. Rodger Miller won cuff links and a ballpoint pen in a running race. Mr. Albert Chittle and Mr. Bud Glaus received cuff links, wheelbarrow race. All the participants in the races for grown-ups received digits, lighters or pen. Mr.

Amalgamate with Local 767



A smiling business manager of Local 767, Baton Rouge, La., Robert Redden, in the center of the picture at left with the electricians of the Ethyl Corporation, former members of the United Mine Workers. In photo in center you see the Executive Board and Business Manager Robert Redden discussing the procedure of taking the Ethyl members into the Local. Looking at picture from left to right around the table, the Board members are as follows: Buford Richardson, Esso Standard Oil; M. Dier, Esso Standard Oil; John Burch, American Electrical Co.; Brother Neasom of General Chemical Company; Nick Messina, Kaiser Aluminum; Brother Williams, Copolmer Rubber Company; Brother Williams of Esso Standard Oil, and our Business Manager Robert Redden. Right: You can see the difference already. These are smiling new brother members from the Ethyl Corporation. Good luck to them.

Boost Colorado Power Potential



A typical project and a typical crew from the busy ranks of Local 969, Grand Junction, Colo. Descriptions of their current major activities are given in their local's letter.

and Mrs. Andrew Giannelli were awarded thermo-glasses and a barbecue set, for winning the Rope tying couples contest.

Following were members of our Picnic Committee: James Stevenson, Dominic Zalimeni, Dale Thompson, Richard Reuschling, Charles Ogle, Lyl Phelps, John Kohut, John Davis, William Jamison, Joseph Reed, Albert Chittle, Bud Glaus, Lloyd Loucks, Charles Halleen, Amos Taylor, Herb Drefahl(president) introduced the guests.

Our menu: Ham, Swiss-steak, Meat loaf, baked beans, escalloped potatoes, served hot. Coffee, milk, cake, and ice cream, salads and side dishes. Peanuts, popcorn, soft drinks and other refreshments served all day long.

Everything went along with perfection and a good time was had by all.

DOMINIC ZALIMENI, P.S.

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Sign Ethyl Employees To Baton Rouge Local

L. U. 767, BATON ROUGE, LA.—Here is some good news from our city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The organization stage is now open for Electricians of the Ethyl Plant. These boys have been and are still operating under the banner of John L. Lewis, the Coal Miner, from the State of Pennsylvania. The good natured business manager of Local 995 Tommy Thompson gave these U.M.W. boys employment while they



were on strike here in the City of Baton Rouge. Brother Tommy Thompson got the wheels turning and Brother Robert Redden of Local 767 and the Executive Board are now signing these boys up into the Brotherhood in Local 767.

International Representative Wes Holst gave us permission to open the charter for 30 days in signing up the boys from the Ethyl Corporation. We hope to have this plant bonded in contract within a few months under the I.B.E.W. banner.

Brother Robert Redden, business agent for Local Union 767 discussed the following things with the Ethyl Corporation members, I.B.E.W. Pension Plan, Travelers card, union dues, and things which the International Brotherhood can do for them as far as job security is concerned. Everyone involved in the situation seemed well pleased with this discussion.

NICK ANDREW MESSINA, P.S.

Rich History of Member's Parents

L. U. 889, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—It has been quite some time since any news has appeared in "Local Lines" from 889, but a colorful and remarkable career has come to my attention concerning the parents of Mr. Fred C. Pithart, member of L.U. 889 I.B.E.W., Mr. and Mrs. James Pithart of Vancouver, British Columbia. This prompts me to write.

They have been married for 64 years and recently celebrated that auspicious occasion. Married in St. Saviours Church, Walthamstow Essex, England—they came to Canada in 1940. They have four sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

They received congratulatory messages from Queen Elizabeth of England, the Governor General of Can-

ada, the Prime Minister and the Mayor of Vancouver and many others.

Mr. Pithart's labor record is really somewhat of a record to shoot at. He was initiated in the Operative Bricklayers Society in London, England May 6th 1899—transferred to Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America in July 1906 and to date is an honorary member.

Local Union 889 would like Brother Fred Pithart to convey our heartiest congratulations to his parents for a continued healthful life.

Local Union 889 is maintaining a sound position and all the officers request the members to gird for the 1958 Elections and contribute their dollar to Labors Political League to help defeat the enemies of Labor.

The last request from our local union President, William Helm, is that he would love to see a full house the 4th Tuesday of each month at our regular meeting.

GARDNER A. SHEETS, R.S.

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Teamwork in Unionism, As on Gridiron, Wins

L. U. 896, MACON, GA.—October, with its Halloween, is now behind us. All the good things of the month along with the things that didn't make us so happy are now history. History is of no use to us, unless we use it to better our future.

Since October is really the month that begins fall, the game of football draws the interest of the multitude of people in our land. We as individuals, as well as groups, could well profit by the lessons of football as it is manifested unto us. The greatest team displays the greatest teamwork. On every gridiron across the nation the 11 men with the greatest teamwork becomes the winners. The same is true with any group or organization. Where the greatest teamwork is displayed, that's the place where progress is on the move.

This being true do we as individuals, who complain of the very little benefits we have received as union members, do our expected parts well? The benches in our halls reflect the interest in the welfare of ourselves. It gets to be hard when a few must make amends for the whole. Each member has a place and it should be filled in all organizations to which he belongs. We would like to have better attendance at our union meetings.

We are about to get underway with negotiations for a new working agreement with the Georgia Power Company. We all should come and help all we can in trying to get an agreement that will be more of what we need. This contract will, when agreed upon, be the basic working rules for the coming year and now is the time

to get the parts that are of most importance to us.

Also it is about time to be thinking of our officers for the next two years. We need good men who are wanted and respected to fill these positions. Now is no time to pull apart, but we must seek the best men and see that the offices are filled with these men.

At reading time of this article it will be near Christmas. I sincerely hope that each member will remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is our wish that the true meaning will be lived among us. This will be the last Christmas for many of us who read this strip. If we all will live right we will be ready to go when our last farewell is said.

Sincerely from your secretary to each one of you and yours, I wish a very Merry Christmas and all the good fortune of the coming year.

BE SAFE AND THINK SAFE.

E. D. FARR, P.S.

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Huge Projects Underway For Colorado Members

L. U. 969, GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—Keeping abreast of the constantly increasing industrial expansion of the Western Slope of Colorado, Local 969 recently completed the first unit of a projected multi-unit powerhouse. The 22,000 KW unit will do much to relieve the peak-load strain the distribution system of the Public Service Company of Colorado has been under, particularly since the completion of the American Gilsonite Company plant, another project recently completed by members of Local 969.

The powerhouse, located at Cameo, Colorado, some 14 miles east of Grand Junction, is unique in that it has a coal mine in the back yard, so to speak. The coal is carried to a crusher, located at the mine tippie, crushed, and deposited on a conveyor which carries it to the stock pile. From there, another conveyor carries the coal directly to the hoppers of the pulverizers, where it is pulverized and blown into the boiler.

It seems that Grand Junction is becoming the hub for industrial plants with innovations—the American Gilsonite plant being another. The raw material, Gilsonite ore, is mined in Utah; mixed with water to form a slurry; and pumped through a pipeline to the plant and processed into gasoline, insulation, and road-surfacing material. The wiring of this plant was recently completed by members of Local 969 and travelers, and furnished work for many members for an extended period of time.

Among the other jobs in progress are a mill at Maybelle, another mill

at Rifle, and one at Gunnison. The outlook for work throughout the winter is favorable.

JAMES E. BIRDSALL, P.S.

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New R. I. President, Congratulations to Old

L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R. I.—To some of the brother members who are working out of the state, this is to inform you that at our recent election of officers, Stanley Proborowski was elected president of Local 1029. Kenny Walsh, our past president, who had his own reasons for not seeking reelection, was not running for the position this term.

Kenny Walsh did a grand job of running this local for the past six years and being a conscientious type of person, Kenny ran the local by the book. At the present time, Kenny Walsh is having his hands full being chairman of the Woonsocket Personnel Board. The new city administration is by-passing the Personnel Board on appointments and so trouble starts. Court action is now pending. May we say thank you, Kenny, for the fine job you did as president of Local 1029 for the past few years.

To the new president, Stanley Proborowski, may you have smooth sailing for the next two years.

The following members were elected to office: Oliver L'Heureux, vice president; Daniel Forestal, recording secretary; Ernest Fontaine, treasurer; Edward Wyspianski, financial secretary; Michael Dolinski, business representative.

The Executive Board is made up of Daniel Forestal, Robert Dunne, Oliver L'Heureux, Kenneth Mathieu, Raymond Guimont, Marcel Wante and Eugene Stantinski. Examining Board members are John Cote, Francis Wegimont and Daniel Forestal.

I'm a little late in presenting the newly-elected officers, but not having been given the official nod from the newly-elected president to continue on as press secretary, I hesitated to write any news. So here I am, press secretary again. Thanks, Stanley.

Working conditions in this area are not very good but conditions will improve soon, we hope, for our members.

It was a privilege and pleasure to be a delegate to the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Electrical Association's Conference, held recently in the New Bedford Hotel, New Bedford. I attended the conference with Michael Dolinski, our business representative. The knowledge and views a delegate derives from attending these conferences helps him to understand some of the problems that confront the electrical local unions. My hat is off to the business representa-

tives who are doing such a fine job in patrolling their territory.

To Bill Fish, who has gone on the retirement list, Local 1029 wishes a long, healthy and happy retirement.

EDWARD WYSPIANSKI, P.S.

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Former Leader of Ambridge Local Retires

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—Leo Meinert, one-time president of our local, is retiring on pension. He held the position of general maintenance foreman, having been appointed to that post in 1954. He started out back in April 1920 as a machinist and in 1951 became foreman of the Machine Shop. During his 37 years with the company, Brother Meinert was responsible for development of tool die makers and apprentice training, and also served as chairman of the B.A.R.E. Insurance Welfare Fund Committee. He is the father of five sons all of whom at one time were employed by National Electric. (At present one son is in the Armed Forces.) The union members are all wishing you many happy years of retirement, Brother Meinert!

We are also wishing happy days ahead to these employees who went on pension: from the Assembly Department, Jessie Green, with 31 years of service; Carl Schoenfield, from the Machine Shop, with 12 years of service; and Jim O'Brien, from the Rigid Department, with 11 years of service.

The Ambridge and Charleroi football game was played all over again by Andy Benedetti, Bill Psinka and Eddie Rosenberger; in fact they had plans of how it should have been played. Ambridge and Charleroi tied 7-7. An innocent bystander was Inspector Red Macelhaney who had nothing to say.

Our union members are well represented in the Quarterback Club of Ambridge. The main subject is football and Terry Riccardi from the Rubber Mill is one of the active members.

Francis Kroker, night turn foreman, flew to Torrance, California over a weekend in October to attend his daughter's wedding there.

Richard Kulbacki, pipe fitter, is the man to call on if you want to make your loved ones happy after you're gone. He will sell you some insurance.

News of Leetsdale Warehouse has been missing due to the fact that your press secretary has not had any news to report from there. We will be very glad to have news of the members there, so let's hear from you!

The warmest greetings of the season to all.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

Christmas Eve at Home



Let us forget for a little while tonight
The clamor of the world, its wild unrest,
And let us set a candle with its light
Upon a sill, and know how very blest
Is any home, though humble it may be,
If Christ be worshipped, and if love be there—
In a Christian land where a people may be free
To live and labor, and to love and share.
O, blest indeed, are they on Christmas Eve
Whose roofs are snug, whose fires are warmly red;
Where excited, eager children turn and leave
A room reluctantly, to go to bed;
And blest are they whose hands reach up to trim
Some small spruce tree whose branches soon will glow
With lovely light in memory of Him
Who came to light the whole world long ago.

Grace Noll Crowell.

Cited for Decade of Membership



President Harry E. Walker of Local 1496, Tallahassee, Fla., presents a 10-year membership pin to Miss Marie Weeks at the recent telephone dinner honoring ten-year members of the local. Not pictured is Mrs. Helen Whaley, who also received a pin.



Part of the group at the Tallahassee dinner.

Cuban Labor Observers Guests of Local 1271

L. U. 1271, CHESTER, PA.—So help us, we are trying to be modest, but—well here goes:

Visiting our country are a quartet of active Union Officials from neighboring Cuba, and under the auspices of the International Cooperation Administration, are studying our trade union organization and industrial relations. These Brothers are Jose Gonzales Alazabel, Adriano Morales Esquivel, Pedro Rodriguez Isasi and Pascual Ruedolo Gongora.

Last September, Mr. Edward Lonerger, Labor Advisor of the Trade Union Programs Division, U. S. Dept. of Labor, invited us to assist the aforementioned guests in their studies (are we still modest?).

With their escort manager, Mr. Pena, and official interpreter Mr. R.

Scheidig, they were taken in tow by Brother Elwood Hunt, our shop steward at the Baldwin, Lima, Hamilton Corporation plant in Eddystone, Pennsylvania, where Matthias Baldwin in his lifetime built the locomotives carrying his name throughout our world.

With the cooperation of plant management, our visitors were given an opportunity to study unionism in action, our new working agreement with B. L. H., and the negotiations leading thereto.

Those who know Brother Hunt will declare that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles should be such a good will ambassador.

Brother Hunt expressed enthusiastic admiration for the caliber of representation of Cuban Labor, and felt that he in return gained from this international event.

More than half of its two million



President Harry E. Walker and International Representative Gurley at the telephone banquet.

workers are claimed as members of 1,641 trade unions. Their earnings are largely dependent on the seasonal and limited employment of its tropical agriculture, upon which the economy of Cuba pivots.

Their Confederation of Cuban Workers (CTC), a counterpart of our AFL-CIO, is largely responsible for gaining stability of employment.

We are grateful to Mr. Lonerger and his Mr. Lynch for including us in the program he arranged for our Cuban Trades Union Brothers.

Our new contract with the Eddystone, Pennsylvania Division of the Baldwin, Lima Hamilton Corporation where many of us are employed on production, maintenance, and construction, covers two years with a package increase of about 24½¢, and an increased cost-of-living clause. The negotiating team of Brothers Ashby, Hunt, and Knowlton, was quarter-backed by International Representative Charles Scholl, of Vice President Liggett's office. He has been of such tremendous aid to us through the years, that our Vice President Leo Bellarmino was prompted to wonder if the other local unions realize how invaluable are the available services of the I. O. Representatives. Brother Scholl has made us feel a close kinship with our I. O.

Fond greetings to our local union buddies scattered far and wide.

ART LAISON, P. S.

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Cites Tallahassee Members With 10-Year Memberships

L. U. 1496, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—Recently our Local 1496 had a get-together and dinner at the Silver Slipper honoring our ten year members with continuous service with the union. Those receiving 10-year pins were Miss Marie Weeks and Mrs. Helen Whaley. Mrs. Whaley was our

first recording secretary for Local 1496. Brother Gurley, International Representative, and his wife were among the guests present. Mr. Gurley gave a talk on relationship of the union and management.

Other interesting data concerning our local: The IBEW chartered as a national organization on November 28, 1891. Our Local 1496, 55 years later, was organized and granted a charter on April 1, 1946. The union opened its first checking account with Capital City National Bank on May 21, 1946. Check No. 1 was written to our International Secretary and our present check number No. 1334 also was written to our International Secretary. The minutes of the first meeting in April of 1946 reveal that the following were elected as officers:

President George L. Sands, Sr., Vice President Mrs. Maude Miller, Treasurer Henry T. Strickland, Financial Secretary Mrs. Vivian Long, Recording Secretary Mrs. Helen Whaley.

Executive Board: Miss Neva Fincher, Edell Thomas, Bruce Murray, A. F. Waite. Lots of other interesting facts and data were dug up by the officers while preparing for the get together. I am enclosing several pictures which were made at the dinner.

The Crestview Unit of West Florida will receive their ten-year pins later.

As you read this article Thanksgiving will have passed and it will be time for Christmas. I hope each of you paused and were thankful for the many blessings which we have and so often take for granted each day. When you begin to feel sorry for yourself . . . just look around you and you will find someone else who is a little worse off than you . . . count your blessings!

Christmas is a time of rejoicing and being thankful that we are in a free country and proud Americans and that we have a Saviour who is with us always . . . and who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. One Who never fails . . . "Keep the Christ in your Christmas this year!" Help someone who needs a lift . . . someone less fortunate than yourself . . . I wish each of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS with a happy season of meeting old friends and renewing friendships and also a time of prayerful meditation and taking stock of yourself. Christmas is a happy time so enjoy yourself. HAPPY NEW YEAR ahead to each.

Until the next issue . . . Live a clean, happy life—join us at the next union meeting, won't you?

HAZEL L. MATTHEWS, P.S.

Round-up of News Of Hanson Members

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Dear Members, here I am again this fine

autumn day with what I have heard during the past month at Wheeler Reflector Company . . . Doris Swanson won the five-dollar door prize this month at the regular meeting held at the Hanson A. A. As none of the 16 members present had any problems or gripes to present, guess every body was happy.

Some of the foremen went out fishing with Mr. Eldridge the other day. From what I heard, a good time was had by all, even Bill Ward who thought he was a duck and fell overboard. How is the water for swimming in October Bill? . . . Louie Gailardet passed away October 11th. He will certainly be missed by his many friends, not only in the press room, but all over the shop. He did a lot of favors for different people while at work on the tin knocking bench. It's too bad these fellows that are 60 years or over can't be pensioned off and be able to enjoy the remaining years of their life. I think it's time we do something about this situation.

The company should be congratulated on giving its employees the "flu" shots. It sure was a good deed. Things like that are certainly appreciated. Our thanks again to Wheeler Reflector Company.

Harold Churchill and Izzy were in to see the gang again last week. They both look right in the pink. Both are putting on plenty of weight. . . . Mickey Alpert has just had an operation. Best wishes from all the gang! . . . Louie Zacchilli has just gone on vacation. Hope you had a good time, Louie, and if you still want this job, just ask for it.

Work is at one of its slow spots right now, but we hope as usual that it will soon pick up. The Navy work is keeping most of the girls on the assembly side busy right now.

Well, that's it for now. Still hope to see some new faces at the union meetings. It's only one night a month. Shall we see you next month?

"SCOOP" SAYCE, P.S.

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Annual Banquet, Dance Of Moncton Members

L. U. 1528, MONCTON, N.B.—Local Union 1528 held its annual banquet and dance at the Miramiché Golf and Country Club with an attendance of 120. Mr. H. C. Tracy, International Representative of the L.B.E.W. acted very ably as master of ceremonies and held the attention of everyone with his interesting address.

Senator G. P. Burchill was one of the guests of honor and gave an interesting, as well as humorous address. Greetings were sent by Gordon Manning, Newcastle commercial manager on behalf of J. L. Holman, general manager of the New Brunswick

Telephone Co., Ltd. Addresses were also made by Kenneth Langan, Moncton wire chief, Herbert Shepard, Newcastle wire chief and Kenneth Hicks, president of the local union.

Ten year service pins were presented and following the presentation, raffle and door prizes were drawn.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Golf and Country Club orchestra and a good time was had by all.

KENNETH HICKS, President

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Christmas Party Planned For Toronto Local 1595

L. U. 1595, TORONTO, ONT.—This is my first attempt at being press secretary for my local, but I hope not the last attempt to extoll the virtues of our hard-working officers to our members who "can't be bothered" to come down one Thursday every month.

Plans are afoot for a Christmas party on December 13th. Hope you all will turn out with the kids and the Mrs. and have a good time.

Brother Charlie Smith is in the sanatorium and a letter or a visit would be a nice gesture. Get well soon, Charlie!

Wedding bells! Two fellows in the Line Department, Richardson and Atkinson, are getting "spliced" this month. Congratulations to the respective couples!

JAMES MCKAY, P.S.

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Describes Hi-Jinks at Harmon Outing

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—On September 11 the apprentices at Harmon held a second picnic because they had such a wonderful time at their first picnic they thought a second picnic was in order. Evidently they were right for another good time was had by all who attended. They sought revenge on the mechanics in their soft ball games and this time they got revenge. They beat the mechanics by a score of 9 to 7. Brother Sperano of the Electrical Workers was the chef for the apprentices and judging by the food consumed I'd say he did a good job. They had the usual run of picnic food such as salads, hot dogs, sandwiches and liquid refreshments.

A dark horse was held at the picnic and Donald Powers of the Machinist Craft and president of the Apprentices Club won the prize. He has been well chided on that point, of course all in a joking manner.

The apprentices instructor Mr. A. Braun and his assistant Mr. A. Brown were also present at the

Annual Moncton Banquet and Dance



Two views are shown of the head table at the annual banquet and dance held by Local 1528, Moncton, N.B. From left across page: Mrs. Kenneth Langan; H. C. Tracy, master of ceremonies; Miss Agnes Dillon; Senator G. P. Burchill; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Manning; Mrs. Hicks and Kenneth Hicks, local president. Miss Frances Johnston, president, Operators Local 1472, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Langan, H. C. Tracy, International Representative, IBEW.



A general view of the members and their guests.

picnic. Brother P. Puglia president of Electrical Workers Local 1631 and Brother P. Rodgers of the Machinists were also present.

The president of the Apprentice Club tells me that its next function will be its Annual Graduation Dinner and Dance affair and hopes that it will be as great a success as it was last year.

Another note of interest is that the Electrical Workers of Harmon are preparing to hold their annual Christ-

mas party. This year it is to be changed to a dinner-dance affair and we hope to have an even better time than at the past successful Christmas Parties. That's all for now.

HAROLD A. CIANO, P.S.

Varied Activities of Halifax, N. S., Area

L. U. 1928, HALIFAX, N. S.—It has been many weeks since our last letter and considerable has transpired. The

N.S.L. and P Co., had its official opening of Number Six Unit in the Steam Plant at Halifax, a 67,000 H.P. job built to be fueled by either coal or oil. It is possible to transfer from one to the other in the matter of an hour. Several hundred were invited to the ceremonies representing shareholders, leaders in religious, economic, military and engineering fields, union officers, various civic officials, etc. Since then the unit has been operating sporadically as time is needed for testing and experimenting relative to the action of the machine.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labor held its second convention in the Nova Scotia Hotel, September 30, October 1 and 2. One fact we noted was that out of a possible 26 Locals of the IBEW only two had delegates at the Convention. This was a very poor showing. There were 171 delegates representing 85 local unions and six councils. Also present were 10 guests. The convention dealt with a mass of business consisting of resolutions, 71 legislative and 86 general, so that the time was well

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adapt to this new era which has already begun. We can be reasonably sure that management will find automation potentially economical and will work toward the solution of technical problems. But the responsibility for solving the human problems will be a vast and challenging one for the membership and leadership

of organized labor. There is no need to be fearful of automation. There is a pressing need to protect the rights of the worker, in collective bargaining, not only for today but for tomorrow. It is essential for all of us in organized labor to work toward the fair distribution of many gains to be made through automation.

filled. The convention was marked by much spirited debate and discussion of the various resolutions. A very enjoyable buffet supper and dance was one feature of the convention we should not omit mentioning.

Our Local 1928 helped support two labor candidates in the recent civic elections. While both were unsuccessful one did draw a large vote indicating that there are future possibilities in this field for labor.

We regret to report that Brother Swigger is on the sick list with a heart attack and we trust with rest he will recover. Also ill are Brothers MacKenzie, McDougal and Power. We are happy to say that the nature of their indisposition is of a less serious nature.

Since ours is an industrial type of union with many trades under one organization we have requested per-

mission from the International to increase our Executive Board from five to nine as this would give a much needed greater representation.

The N.S.L. and P. Co., is operating what is in this area a new technique for testing the safety factor of rubber gloves worn by linemen and other employees. They are tested by voltage with a large margin of safety. Previous testing had been visual after the gloves had been filled with air. It is possible to still test some of the gloves visually as the defects as received from the manufacturer are readily apparent.

There were only minor layoffs after the construction rush of Number Six Unit was completed. Of course there is still much tidying up to do and pipe and steel work in the new part of the plant.

MURRILLE SCHOFIELD, P. S.

Turkey Shoot



One of the prizes awarded at the turkey shoot sponsored by Local 1915, Staunton, Va., was a pair of live pheasants. Vice President Olin Toombs, right, was the winner. Treasurer Glen VanLear helps him hold his winnings.

Death Claims for October, 1957

I. O. (1)	Schneiderhahn, L.	1,000.00	5	Corl, R. L.	1,000.00	306	Renaud, E. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Vanderveer, D. W.	1,000.00	6	Brown, N. R.	1,000.00	340	Pehrson, C. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Haucke, A. M.	1,000.00	6	Moore, E. H.	1,000.00	342	Fields, J. F.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Burke, F. W.	1,000.00	6	Bone, J. L.	1,000.00	349	DuBarry, J. B.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Wood, W. G.	1,000.00	6	Belode, G. E.	1,000.00	351	Root, S. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (5)	Barnes, R. A.	1,000.00	11	Johnson, M. P.	1,000.00	353	Taylor, R.	1,000.00
I. O. (7)	Kendrick, F. J.	1,000.00	11	Conley, D.	1,000.00	357	Ebert, D. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (11)	Madison, A.	1,000.00	11	Mulder, D. E.	1,000.00	364	Reiter, F. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (11)	Kirby, A. S.	1,000.00	11	Wood, C. H.	1,000.00	369	McCrochlin, S. F.	1,000.00
I. O. (18)	Faulkner, F. R.	700.00	11	Romberger, L. K.	1,000.00	371	Reinke, R. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (18)	Fox, R.	1,000.00	16	Williams, L. L.	1,000.00	380	Wileox, J. M.	1,000.00
I. O. (23)	Hanner, J.	1,000.00	17	McDonald, J. M.	1,000.00	382	Jeter, C. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (27)	Donoghue, H. W.	1,000.00	18	Lieb, Sr., J. A.	1,000.00	414	Hannigan, W. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (38)	Novak, L. A.	1,000.00	26	O'Neil, R. L.	1,000.00	424	Carr, J.	300.00
I. O. (38)	Scott, A.	1,000.00	26	Boroughs, L.	1,000.00	429	Timothy, J. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (46)	Nichols, J. J.	1,000.00	29	Barr, W. F.	1,000.00	429	Moore, W. D.	1,000.00
I. O. (46)	Osborne, G.	1,000.00	38	Lambert, R. L.	825.00	425	Collins, W.	1,000.00
I. O. (51)	Clairmont, H. F.	1,000.00	38	McNally, Jr., J. E.	1,000.00	437	Jarvis, J. G.	1,000.00
I. O. (51)	Taft, F. I.	1,000.00	41	Hughes, R. M.	1,000.00	459	Yuckenburg, F. A.	825.00
I. O. (58)	Gillani, O. W.	1,000.00	41	Kennedy, D. J.	1,000.00	467	Cunningham, L.	1,000.00
I. O. (72)	Dunworth, D. W.	1,000.00	46	Dailey, J. W.	150.00	479	Southwell, J. D.	1,000.00
I. O. (77)	Saari, G.	1,000.00	48	Schroeder, P. J.	825.00	483	Cox, H. M.	1,000.00
I. O. (91)	Eastes, J. T.	1,000.00	52	Galler, J. F.	1,000.00	508	Hearn, F. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (103)	Murphy, D. H.	1,000.00	57	Brinkerhoff, M. H.	1,000.00	527	Robison, Jr., J. H.	300.00
I. O. (104)	Healey, M.	1,000.00	57	Desmond, W. J.	1,000.00	527	Peterson, B. N.	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	Wright, C. M.	1,000.00	58	Unthank, B. H.	333.34	531	Chumley, C. G.	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	Wells, V.	1,000.00	65	Pontale, J. W.	1,000.00	542	Buckingham, J. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Boufface, A.	1,000.00	60	Hakenson, G. E.	1,000.00	561	Guard, C. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Wagner, J. G. J.	1,000.00	77	Ekins, L. G.	500.00	580	Florin, R. O.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Fort, J.	1,000.00	77	Almqvist, A. S.	825.00	595	Rosemont, M.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Pichot, R.	1,000.00	77	Weaver, M. E.	1,000.00	595	Wiegandt, L. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Hoban, F. C.	1,000.00	77	Sandusky, H.	1,000.00	605	Coker, C. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Schmidt, A. C.	1,000.00	77	Sullivan, F. E.	1,000.00	624	Crawford, Jr., A. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (136)	Hancock, C. L.	1,000.00	82	Lowery, G. P.	1,000.00	639	Conn, R. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (136)	Thatcher, D. L.	500.00	105	Miller, W.	1,000.00	640	Beck, J. D.	1,000.00
I. O. (232)	Tate, A. P.	1,000.00	108	Osburn, D. H.	656.00	664	Milearek, J.	1,000.00
I. O. (239)	Jellen, J.	1,000.00	112	Smith, J. H.	475.00	666	Kelly, Jr., T. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (245)	King, C. F.	1,000.00	125	Wraith, J.	1,000.00	697	Brazil, Sr., E. T.	1,000.00
I. O. (308)	Smith, W. P.	1,000.00	125	Parry, C. D.	1,000.00	700	Everall, Jr., R. W.	825.00
I. O. (310)	Morris, J. K.	1,000.00	126	Bolosa, A. J.	475.00	719	Skinner, J. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (326)	Jordan, J. H.	1,000.00	126	Strood, R.	1,000.00	733	Davis, N. R.	850.00
I. O. (340)	Seymour, O. J.	1,000.00	134	Needham, G. F.	1,000.00	743	Field, W. S.	1,000.00
I. O. (349)	Mente, O.	1,000.00	134	Jones, J.	1,000.00	765	Clark, G. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (465)	Ziesmer, E. H.	1,000.00	134	Delborse, W. J.	1,000.00	774	Backscheider, S.	1,000.00
I. O. (466)	Stacey, J. J.	1,000.00	134	Kipling, R.	1,000.00	776	Devereux, A. F.	1,000.00
I. O. (467)	Pohndorf, J. B.	1,000.00	134	Sullivan, D. H.	1,000.00	780	Whately, P. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (494)	Franz, A. F.	1,000.00	134	Jakubczak, E. M.	1,000.00	792	Mitchell, R. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (494)	McCurdy, W.	1,000.00	134	Chapp, J. J.	1,000.00	804	Thomlinson, G. E.	475.00
I. O. (500)	Hughes, E. A.	1,000.00	136	Smith, J. F.	1,000.00	823	Hotchkiss, H.	1,000.00
I. O. (508)	Arnold, E. B.	1,000.00	136	Lee, G.	1,000.00	844	Schambach, J.	1,000.00
I. O. (515)	Christian, J. M.	1,000.00	137	Smith, W. R.	1,000.00	865	Tisdale, W. G.	1,000.00
I. O. (558)	Thompson, L. M.	1,000.00	137	Sisnow, J. J.	1,000.00	873	Talbot, R. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (702)	Hopkins, C. E.	1,000.00	137	Klip, B. J.	1,000.00	889	Harris, O. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (702)	Heaney, W. W.	1,000.00	138	McGahay, M.	650.00	889	Somers, J.	1,000.00
I. O. (713)	Chapaltis, J.	1,000.00	143	Bryan, C. W.	1,000.00	894	Darnley, F. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (884)	Hay, R.	1,000.00	160	Barr, J. W.	1,000.00	904	O'Neal, M. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (1924)	Billinsley, H. C.	1,000.00	175	Weaver, D. H.	1,000.00	928	Kilmer, W. G.	1,000.00
I. O. (1225)	Barnett, F. L.	1,000.00	177	Reneko, C. A.	1,000.00	934	Craft, E. M.	1,000.00
I. O. (1245)	Carpenter, A. C.	1,000.00	180	Moutt, E. S.	1,000.00	948	Graham, W. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (1249)	Shapland, E.	1,000.00	183	Morton, H. L.	1,000.00	948	Delamater, L. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (1392)	Smith, E. B.	1,000.00	193	Snauldin, P.	1,000.00	965	Noerth, R. C.	475.00
1	Kabus, W.	1,000.00	210	Berne, W. F.	1,000.00	1024	Riley, J. T.	1,000.00
2	Smith, W. C.	150.00	210	Graves, W. L.	1,000.00	1049	Shilling, J. W.	1,000.00
3	Hochberg, W.	1,000.00	210	Hert, S. D.	1,000.00	1205	Beck, L. D.	1,000.00
3	Brennan, P.	1,000.00	213	Shelley, R. S.	1,000.00	1317	Sherman, C. J.	1,000.00
3	Kanzer, W. M.	1,000.00	245	Lapish, H. A.	1,000.00	1319	Kaelik, J. J.	825.00
3	Young, C.	1,000.00	245	Hardak, E. J.	475.00	1347	Martin, W. L.	1,000.00
3	Lang, P. F.	1,000.00	260	Groeger, H.	1,000.00	1377	Burke, P. J.	1,000.00
3	Hilbert, F.	1,000.00	271	Lancett, F. C.	1,000.00	1393	Murray, H. O.	1,000.00
3	Brobson, J.	1,000.00	278	Stradt, A. S.	1,000.00	1402	Dittman, C. A.	1,000.00
3	Cream, J.	1,000.00	292	Krueger, M. K.	475.00	1437	Brown, C. M.	1,000.00
3	Northrop, D.	1,000.00	292	Stark, C. V.	1,000.00	1520	Kapacs, C.	1,000.00
5	Stinson, J. L.	1,000.00	292	Hiekok, A. L.	1,000.00	1579	Williams, J. D.	1,000.00
5	Innes, W.	1,000.00	302	Brown, C. J.	1,000.00	1579	Mullineaux, C. E.	1,000.00
5	Kelly, B. W.	1,000.00	304	Charles, H. E.	1,000.00	1920	Adler, W. L.	1,000.00
				Stearman, A. A.	1,000.00	Total		\$215,524.34

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Once more we come to that wonderful season of Christmas when love and Brotherhood come to mean a little more to us all. There are many, dear Lord, in our beloved union, who did not live to see this Christmas Day and the dawn of a New Year. We ask Thy mercy on them, Father. Reach out Thy hand and take them home, so that all the joy and blessedness of Christmas Day shall be theirs, because they are with Thee.

Comfort those who are left, dear Lord, those whose holiday is sad and lonely because of the loss of those they loved. Whisper to them of all the Christmases that lie ahead when they shall be reunited with their loved ones in heaven.

Watch over us too, Lord, we who make this prayer. Make us ever mindful of the true joy and love of the Christmastide. Keep us in Thy loving care and make us at this time and all through the coming year, to live and work and love in the true spirit for which Thou created us, remembering always "the Brotherhood of Man, under the Fatherhood of God."

Amen

Howard McSpedon, L. U. No. 3

Born February 22, 1899
Initiated April 30, 1918
Died October 7, 1957

Luther K. Romberger, L. U. No. 11

Born September 12, 1899
Reinitiated November 18, 1925
in L. U. No. 83
Died September 30, 1957

Henry Roehrig, L. U. No. 17

Born January 8, 1907
Initiated April 10, 1945
Died October 1957

Earl W. Fetters, L. U. No. 18

Born January 18, 1898
Initiated February 17, 1944
Died October 20, 1957

Evan Hughes, L. U. No. 18

Born December 20, 1880
Initiated January 11, 1906
Died October 19, 1957

Irving W. Moore, L. U. No. 18

Born February 14, 1899
Reinitiated July 21, 1942
Died October 23, 1957

Daniel Jack Patrick, L. U. No. 46

Born October 17, 1908
Initiated August 14, 1956
Died August 15, 1957

Paul R. Hacker, L. U. No. 51

Born November 16, 1927
Initiated December 1, 1944
Died September 27, 1957

Rolland Peckham, L. U. No. 51

Born January 16, 1902
Initiated August 8, 1941
in L. U. No. 702
Died September 20, 1957

Otto Gruschke, L. U. No. 86

Born December 3, 1903
Reinitiated August 14, 1942
Died July 25, 1957

William J. Heigel, L. U. No. 160

Born July 24, 1901
Initiated June 25, 1934
Died October 7, 1957

John Alexander, L. U. No. 271

Born January 6, 1911
Initiated September 24, 1935
Died September 29, 1957

F. C. Lancett, L. U. No. 271

Born August 29, 1910
Reinitiated January 6, 1947
Died October 13, 1957

Andrew S. Hardt, L. U. No. 369

Born April 23, 1896
Initiated July 27, 1942
Died October 18, 1957

Stanley F. McCrocklin, L. U. No. 369

Born July 8, 1910
Reinitiated November 9, 1942
in L. U. No. 993
Died September 26, 1957

Frank D. Koester, L. U. No. 381

Born May 12, 1907
Initiated July 27, 1947
Died October 9, 1957

Wiley R. Hannigan, L. U. No. 414

Born November 7, 1892
Initiated April 2, 1943
Died September 30, 1957

Perry W. Taylor, L. U. No. 428

Born January 4, 1892
Initiated October 7, 1941
Died October 17, 1957

Arthur F. Franz, L. U. No. 494

Born April 30, 1891
Initiated September 23, 1933
Died October 10, 1957

Timothy F. Loeffler, L. U. No. 494

Born January 24, 1895
Initiated January 30, 1940
Died September 21, 1957

William McCurdy, L. U. No. 494

Born December 20, 1891
Initiated February 6, 1923
Died October 17, 1957

Farris K. Pounders, L. U. No. 558

Born November 9, 1920
Initiated April 20, 1956
Died October 21, 1957

Mathilde Jellison, L. U. No. 713

Born August 1, 1895
Initiated May 20, 1952
Died October 1957

Anton Marienfeld, L. U. No. 713

Initiated March 11, 1939
Died October 1957

William E. Williams, L. U. No. 734

Born February 4, 1892
Reinitiated April 15, 1948
Died October 16, 1957

Charles L. Busch, L. U. No. 1049

Born June 8, 1909
Initiated March 30, 1951
Died October 2, 1957

Joseph M. Geraghty, Jr., L. U. No. 1049

Born September 28, 1928
Initiated June 16, 1950
Died October 14, 1957

Henry J. Martens, L. U. No. 1049

Born October 16, 1892
Initiated October 19, 1945
Died September 27, 1957

Richard P. Milliken, L. U. No. 1049

Initiated April 1, 1937
Died September 21, 1957

John T. Whiting, L. U. No. 1049

Born June 19, 1923
Initiated September 11, 1946
in L. U. No. 896
Died September 21, 1957

George B. Overdorf, L. U. No. 1161

Born April 27, 1897
Initiated August 20, 1943
Died October 13, 1957

Leonard D. Beck, L. U. No. 1205

Born September 26, 1921
Initiated January 14, 1949
Died September 21, 1957

Ben E. Adney, L. U. No. 1245

Born August 12, 1913
Initiated June 1, 1957
Died August 2, 1957

Tony J. Ambrose, L. U. No. 1245

Born December 17, 1898
Initiated July 1, 1952
Died July 25, 1957

James W. Cochran, L. U. No. 1245

Born December 7, 1891
Initiated November 1, 1942
Died September 29, 1957

Harold H. Dames, L. U. No. 1245

Born April 26, 1906
Initiated May 1, 1943
Died August 1957

Henry Hodges, L. U. No. 1245

Born July 13, 1906
Initiated April 1, 1956
Died September 23, 1957

Stanley E. Nash, L. U. No. 1245

Born February 23, 1916
Initiated April 1, 1944
Died August 1957

Tony Silva, L. U. No. 1245

Initiated May 1, 1956
Died August 1957

Clarence David Wyse, L. U. No. 1245

Born April 4, 1902
Initiated March 15, 1950
in L. U. No. 1324
Died August 6, 1957

Howard E. Greet, L. U. No. 1366

Born December 16, 1906
Initiated March 19, 1956
Died October 30, 1957

Emil Paprzyca, L. U. No. 1366

Born May 10, 1910
Initiated March 31, 1957
Died October 28, 1957

Frank F. Knabel, L. U. No. 1439

Born August 24, 1898
Initiated February 25, 1946
Died October 22, 1957

Edward Frank, L. U. No. 1459

Born December 6, 1900
Initiated June 30, 1946
Died October 1957

Joseph S. Hardy, L. U. No. 1469

Born December 22, 1893
Initiated June 29, 1946
Died July 15, 1957

John T. Daley, L. U. No. 1505

Initiated February 12, 1947
Died October 25, 1957

John J. Kroll, L. U. No. 1505

Initiated February 27, 1952
Died October 15, 1957

William O. Taylor, L. U. No. 1505

Initiated May 31, 1950
Died October 16, 1957

Willie Henry, L. U. No. 1543

Born December 10, 1906
Initiated September 5, 1946
Died August 30, 1957

Jacob Jerzyk, L. U. No. 1621

Born June 28, 1895
Initiated September 1, 1949
Died October 17, 1957

DRY LAND SAILOR

Oh! the voice of the sea keeps calling to me,
I long to sail trawler or clipper;
But the terms of the sea are a puzzle to me
And I never could "make" like a skipper.

At sailing a junk, no doubt I would flunk,
Not knowing the jib from the spanker;
Should the binnacle light "cook out"
some dark night,
I'd probably drop the port anchor.

While trying to cope with a hawser or rope,
I'd struggle in utter dejection;
When sighting a buoy, I'd cry, "Ship Ahoy!"
While sailing in every direction.

I am saying goodbye, with a tear and a sigh,
To the sea with its strange fascination,
I'll stay on the shore raising rabbits galore,
And marvel at multiplication.

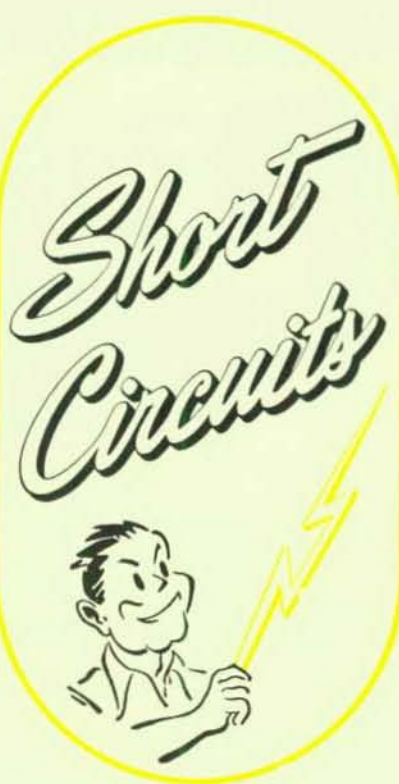
ART UEBERROTH,
L. U. 557, Saginaw, Mich.

At a Communist meeting, one of the attending comrades suddenly stood up during the debate and addressed the chairman.

"Comrade Speaker," he said, "there's just one thing I want to know; what happens to my unemployment compensation checks when we overthrow the Government?"

A family bought a very intelligent dog. The first night after coming home they found him on the sofa, so they punished him. Coming home the second night they found him not on the sofa, but near it, and looking guilty. They felt the sofa, found it warm, then punished him again. On the third night, however, in order to surprise him in the act, they came home early and peeked through the window. The clever canine was excitedly blowing on the sofa!

A disillusioned Communist, decided to get away from it all; to kill himself.



Accordingly, he lay down across a Russian railroad track to await the end. When a shocked passerby urged him to change his mind, he shook his head violently. "Well, why have you got those two loaves of bread with you?" the man inquired of the would-be suicide. "The way the trains run in this country," he replied, "a man would starve to death before one comes along!"

A burglar, who had entered a poor minister's house at midnight, was disturbed by the awakening of the occupant of the room he was in. Drawing his weapon, he said:

"If you stir, you are a dead man. I'm hunting for your money."

"Let me get up and turn on a light," said the minister, "and I'll hunt with you."

PINTO PONY

He came riding down the trail riding his Pinto Pony
I asked him where he hailed from and where he was going
But he just smiled at me on his Pinto Pony
He didn't have fine ears and he didn't have much money
But he was so handsome riding his Pinto Pony
Tall in the saddle in his blue jeans, riding his Pinto Pony
Now I love him and you will love him
When you see him on his Pinto Pony
He asked me and I said yes, yes I will my honey
Now we are rich, rich as can be
But we are not rich in money
For we have a little one and he has a Pinto Pony

TOM JORDAN,
L. U. 17, Detroit, Mich.

THE BUTCHER'S LAMENT

If the customer's right
Or even not quite
We have a new creating job for
The Almighty's hands
And his Angel hands,
According to what people ask for.
All meat and not honey
No gristle or fat
And tender as half-melted butter
A free half a pound
To take to the hound,
No wonder the poor butcher mutters.

We need a new animal
Square as a block
And pink as an orchid outside
No suet, no tendons
No tail, the back-end on,
No bones, hair, guts, bellow or hide!

Of course he'll be roasted
With gravy beside
And mounds of whipped 'taters quite near
Low calorie chart
Dear Heaven please start
To give us a new kind of steer.

D. A. HOOVER,
L. U. 1396, Decatur, Ill.

KEEP IT CLEAN!

If you're coming—or you're going—
On the Hi-Way anywhere;
Those shiny spots that catch your eye
And make you look and stare,
No, they're not mountain lion eyes—
Or diamonds in the rough;
They're just a little round tin can—
That one time held that stuff.

It seems no matter where you drive—
Be it daylight or dark,
Those shiny spots along the road
They shine right out and spark.
There's hundreds—thousands—millions—
They come from far and near;
Those shiny little round tin cans
That used to hold your beer.

There's Pabst and Hamm's and Regal
Pale—
And Millers High-Life too,
There's Schlitz and Coors and Falstaff
beer
All in a can for you,
There's no doubt many other brands
If you drive East or West;
So let your taste or thirstiness—
Tell you which one is best.

So pick your beer—and bottoms-up—
But when that can is dead,
Don't throw it on the Hi-Way, friend—
But in the trash instead!

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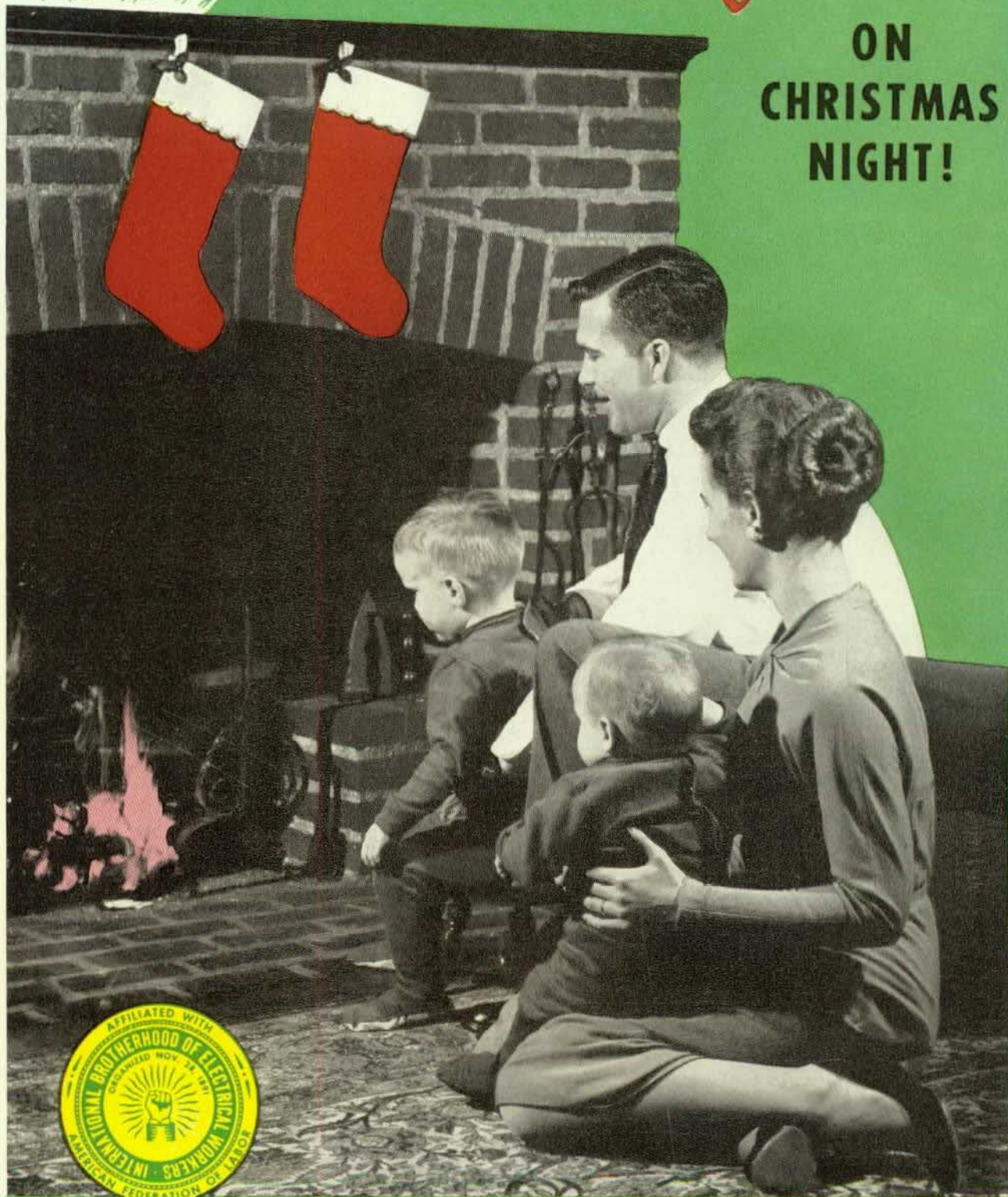
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